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Baker offers aid to Romania

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**Crown Prince says** 

### vement a selection of the G Princess Ayah born to Falsal, Alia

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal court announced Sunday that Her Royal Highness Princess Alia Al Fassal delivered a girl. His Royal Highness Prince Falsal and Princess Alia named the newborn Ayah. The Royal Court likes to is." No chapter express its warmest wishes and congrarulations on this happy occasion and may God keep the dear Princess in the care of her parents under His Majesty King re anxious to a Hussein," the Royal Court said in the statement.

### Jordan implements vn in October riends applied group in Wart Basie agreement

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet I was in the Ge has declared Jordan a "toxicwaste-free zone" in line with the Basic Agreement on toxic waste to which the Kingdom is a signatory. Under the agreement, no toxic waste will be allowed to be dumped in Jordan. The environment department will be following up on the implementation of the provisions of the agreement and will coordinate with the ministries concerned. Sunday's declaration came in line with a stipulation in the agreement that all governments of its signatories should ratify the accord.

### Cypriot official arrives today

AMMAN (J.T.) - The undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus, Mr. Angelo Angelides, arrives here Monday, a source at the Cyprus consulate said. Angelides will be here on a six-day visit to hold talks with Jordanian officials. He is expected to be received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Foreign Minister Marwan Queem and other officials.

### Romania thanks Arabs for support

acknowledged "with satisfaction" the welcome extended by Arab countries to the recent revolution. there, a statement released by the Romanian embassy here said. The statement said Romania would seek to develop friendship and cooperation with all Arab countries and would observe all bilateral and multilateral agreements. The statement reaffirmed Romania's support for efforts for "a just and lasting political solu-tion" to the Arab-Israeli conflict based on the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the "independence, sovereignty and security of all the states and peoples in the region."

### Armenian patriarch laid to rest

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R)

 Hundreds of mourners flocke on Sunday to the funeral of the head of the Armenian church in lerusalem and the Holy Land who died aged 80 Feb. 1. Yeghishe Derderian had served as Armenian patriarch of Jeruterpiece of mren's salem and leader of the 10,000strong Armenian community in successful since 1960. He died of a heart ore standard to attack. Churchmen in regal robes and scouts beating drains marched alongside his raised body through the Armenian quarter of Jerusalem's walled Old City to a gp 0 k gri "cemetery. Archbishop Torkom Monukian, head of the Armenian church based in New York, was evelected temporary patriarch Friday. A permanent successor will RPCBF Page Chosen within the next mouth.

### A 1 C. B. B 1 O. b. iran marks revolution anniversary

TOPT RE 1811 TEHRAN (R) --- Iran wound up celebrations marking the 11th day with a mass rally at a square where a Muslim cleric told the around Iran would its fight against the United States. Pozens of colourful balloons. oome carrying portraits of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and other Iranian leaders, rose bove the crowd gathered under old sunshine at the snow-corered Azadi (freedom) Square in west Tehran. Two huge paintings of Khomeini and his successor, vatoliah Ali Khamenei, were isted by construction cranes at he opposite ends of the square.

# King: Mandela an inspiration for **Palestinians**

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday bailed the release of South Africa's black sationalist leader Nelson Mandela and said his struggle

would inspire Palestinians strug-ging for independence.

"This concession by the gov-erament of South Africa and its decision to release Mandela, the freedom fighter, reaffirms the certainty of man's victory everywhere in his just battle against the forces of evil, terrorism and spartheid," the King said in a statement carried by the Jordan News

Agency, Petra.

"The years of his imprisonment will remain a sign of pride and glory in the life of the black people of South Africa and those of their white brothers who con-

stantly fought apartheid.
"It will also be a certificate of condemnation for the regime that practised all forms of terrorism and death against its enemies.... equally it will be a source of espiration for the Arab Palestinians in their legitimate and heroic struggle to release their rights to self-determination and set up their independent Palestinian state on their national soil. "I pray to God to give Mr.

most South Africans were fighting the same battle. "The struggle of the people of Palestine and South Africa is a common struggle against racism, colonialism and oppression for one just cause --- to win the right to self-determination," Arafat said in a message to Mandela.

racial laws.

Mandela's emergence Sunday from nearly half a lifetime in prison touched off international

As Mandela, 71, walked from

the grounds of his prison outside

Cape Town into crowds of sup-

porters who had ceaselessly cam-

paigned for his release, the Afri-

can National Congress (ANC)

welcomed him "to the warm

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ment released in Harare, Zim-

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state of emergency, released all

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Palestinian leader Yasser Ara-

fat hailed the release of Man-

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But the ANC said in a state-

national liberation movement."

Chadli Klibi, secretary general Mandela and his people the strength to continue their right-cous war towards achieving their legitimate rights to realise their of the Arab League, said in a statement: "The Arab peoples, who never ceased supporting and admiring him (Mandela), hall his final victory, a victory for values fight for freedom and equality and principles and ... for manbetween the races and wish him kind all over the world," King complete victory over racial dis-

# Casualties rise in Gaza Strip

OCCUPIED GAZA STRIP (Agencies) - U.N. relief workers expressed alarm on Sunday over a five-day surge of blood-shed in the occupied Gaza Strip in which Israeli troops have shot dead two Palestinians and wounded more than 130.

Hussein said.

The United Nations has repeexcessive force in clashes with stone-throwing Palestinians in the occupied territories, and a local U.N. spokeswoman said the flood of casualties was overwhelming health workers.

"We would like to express our concern about the very high number of casualties over the last few days," Claire Grimes, of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), said in a call to

The Israeli army blamed Palestinians for the rise in violence, saying the rencet ambush-killing of nine Israelis in an attack on a bus in Egypt was a main reason that stone-throwers had

increasingly taken to the streets. Egyptian officials have said the bus attackers were Palestinians and the driver of the getaway car was from the Rafah region on the Egyptian-Gaza border.

Most of the 132 Palestinians

the United Nations reported wounded by bullets in Gaza came from Rafah town and refugee camp. Two people were killed, sparking further protests.

More than 60 Palestinisms were

health clinics and ambulance services, Grimes said.

were dozens more wounded than the U.N. had reported.

soldiers Saturday broke up a gathering of Palestinians mourning the death of an Arab youth killed last week and wounded 21 of them, hospitals said.

hospital care.

54-year-old Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, told Renters his health had deteriorated and he was experiencing problems in his head, chest and cars.

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alone, in one of the bloodiest days of the 26-month-old Palestinian uprising that has claimed nearly 850 lives.

The flood of casualties was putting extreme pressure on U.N.

Hospital officials said there

In one incident alone, Israeli

The wife of the jailed leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas), one of the groups leading the opising, accused Israeli prison authorities of denying him proper medicine and refusing him

Halima Yassin, wife of crippled "The medicine he takes in pris-

me to inform the press because they might make the Israeli authorities do something for him, to take him to hospital," she said. Yassin, arrested in May with 250 other Hamas activists, is on trial on charges he recruited the killers of two Israeli soldiers and ordered the deaths of suspected Palestinian collaborators with



# Mandela freed after 27 years

CAPE TOWN (Agencies) — Nationalist leader Nelson Mandela walked to freedom hand in hand with his wife Winnie on Sunday but the celebrations were marred when dozens of demonstrators were hurt in clashes with

(ANC), looking tense but cheerhe passed the wooden barrier of the Victor Verster prison after 27 years in South African jails.

one point into his wife's ear.

But before Mandela could "We have waited too long for appear, violence erupted as mar- our freedom," Mandela told the

shals battled to keep control of the rally, the biggest in the city since the end of World War II.

ber bullets to disperse parts of the crowd after bottle-throwing vonths smashed windows and looted shops on the square. Witnesses said dozens of men

and women and at least one child were being treated for shotgun wounds in a makeshift shelter at the side of the city's historic Grand Parade.

Clashes between police and ANC supporters erupted sporadically, and helicopters hovered overhead to monitor the crowd. Looters threw clothes onto the pavement and squabbled over their pickings before fleeing into the crowd.

celebrating blacks were reported in at least two other areas, while in Johannesburg thousands of young blacks received an escort from traffic police as they ran triumphantly through the city. Columns of cheering activists jogged through Durban and other

crowd. He said that until the proper climate was crated for peaceful negotiations, the armed struggle was still a policy of the

need for armed struggle)... exist today," Mandela said. "We have no options but to continue."

climate conducive to a negotiated settlement would be created." Mandela spoke of "my long

and lonely years in prison. "I am content that your pain and suffering was far greater than my own," he said, adding that he would make further statements after consulting his ANC com-

"There must be an end to white monopoly of political power and our political and economic systems to ensure that the inequalities of apartheid are addressed," he said.

The ANC leader called President F.W. de Klerk a man "of integrity," and called on the white community to "join us in the safety of a new South Africa. The freedom movement is a political home for you, too,'

# Bonn says Moscow cleared

### way for German reunification WEST BERLIN (AP) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-For East German leaders, the only question remains one of time, although events are clearly sweeping the process forward

Dietrich Genscher said Sunday the Soviet leadership cleared the way for German unification because Moscow officials believe it would improve European sta-

Genscher, appearing on nationwide television less than an hour after returning from Moswith Chancellor Helmut Kohl, repeated Bonn's assertion that unification would come ab-

out "very quickly."
In East Berlin, the official news agency ADN said President Mikhail Gorbachev's support for unification means the Soviets want to end the post-war division of Europe.

In just four mouths, the official East German stance has been transformed from one of bitter denunciations of any talk of Germuch more quickly than almost anyone could have imagined.

After meeting with Gorbachev in Moscow, Kohl said he expects all four victorious World War II allies to agree before the end of the year on a plan to unite Ger-"General Secretary Gorbachev

told me unequivocally that the Soviet Union will respect the decision of Germans to live in one state," Kohl told a news The Soviet Union, the United

States, France and Britain retain official rights over Berlin as the victors in the war against Nazi

In explaining the reasons for

cher said Sunday that a unified Germany would be a gain for the "partnership of stability that is indispensable between East and

"And that is certainly one of the reasons why the Soviet leadership now has spoken out in such a clear way in favour of unification of the two German states," Genscher said on the round-table discussion on the ARD television

He asserted: "An artificial maintenance of the division (of Germany) would mean a loss of stability for Europe."

The West German foreign minister repeated Bonn's opposition to a neutral Germany, and said the Soviets see "several possibilities" for resolving the thorny issue. He did not name them.

# is inevitable'

pivotal report commissioned by the Pentagon and the State Department has advised the Bush dministration that a Palestinian state on the West Bank is "inevitable," according to a column in the Washington Post.

and Dale Van and titled "Palestinian state seen as 'inevitable'" appeared on the Feb. 9 issue of

According to the column, the Middle East expert, Graham Fulwhile he was still with the government. Fuller served as vice chair-

In spite of the opposition, the report has become a key reference work in the U.S. intelligence community and is being used to bolster State Department efforts for more Israeli government flexibility in negotiations with Palestinians.

source told us that about 75 per cent of the U.S. intelligence analysts in that department, the CIA and the Pentagon share the views expressed in the report simply called the "Fuller report" by administration officials.

Fuller started his study at the to a limited audience primarily at the Pentagon and State Depart-

A State Department source said the Fuller report is the most reputable study to come out in the last decade on the central issue of Israeli-Arab peace talks - the question of whether Israel can share the region with an

# Violence mars ANC leader's release

Police fired birdshot and rub-

The slim, white-haired leader of the African National Congress al, thrust both fists into the air as

He walked over to a small crowd, many of whom had waited for hours in searing heat, and stood in front of them for about a minute, repeatedly punching his arm in the air and whispering at

suit and tie, then returned to a silver car at the head of a long cavalcade for a victorious drive into central Cape Town, where a huge crowd gatherd to bear his first public speech since he was sentenced to life in prison in 1964 for plotting to overthrow white

"The factors that (caused the

"We express the hope that a

very direct threat and the menace of transfer will be that

they contend can serve as an alternative Palestinian homeland. "Already Israel is speaking of

before questioning the legality of tion of workers from the Gulf.

# Soviet Jewish influx undermines peace

By Alistair Lyon Reuters

AMMAN - As a flood of Soviet lews heads for Israel, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan says the world should match its concern for Soviet Jewry with concern for the plight of Palesti-nians under Israeli occupation.

In an interview with Reuters. the Crown Prince said Israel was talking of raising \$2 billion from government and private sources to finance the absorption of about half-a-million Soviet Jews expected over the next few years.

"I would ask the international community where is the comparable level of interest in support for Palestinian people and Palesti-nian identity on Palestinian soil," Prince Hassan said.

The Crown Prince, who in October was among the first to voice Arab alarm at the influx of Soviet Jews, said a difference in living standards between Palestinians and the newcomers would exacerbate tension and ex-

'How can the 1.7 million Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip sit by and watch these privileged citizens moving in with... a per capita (income) maybe two or three times more than their own?" he asked. "I cannot see a peaceful environ-

ment emerging out of these con-If Soviet Jews, initially settled in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas, were later moved to the occupied West Bank and Golan Heights, then clearly it is going to be a

much closer," the Prince said. Transfer is a euphemism used by Israeli right-wingers who favour the mass expulsion of Palestinians to Jordan, which

120,000 so-called illegal residents in the occupied territories, although I would question the legality of (Israeli) settlements

Prince Hassan said. He said it would be alarming if

Israel won extra aid to help it take in Soviet Jews. Even if donors gave money only to settle the immigrants within Israel's pre-1967 borders, the process would divert attention from the Palestinian uprising.

Israel could channel the new funds in a way that would release other money for use in the occupied lands, said the Prince. Prince Hassan said he recog-

nised the humanitarian aspect of the movement of Soviet Jews seeking to escape anti-Semitism and did not believe they were all "Zionist zealots."

But people concerned about human rights should know that up to five million Palestinians, especially those under occupation, had suffered a great deal since the 1967 Arab-Israeli wax,

The Prince said he was hear-

tened by an increase in the quota of Soviet Jewish immigrants accepted annually by the United He said Washington had once limited its intake to 18,000 and

was now speaking of raising it to 75.000. Prince Hassan said the Arab World had to do more than condenna Soviet Jewish emigration to

Israel and should rethink its whole regional strategy before calling an Arab summit "If it is to be a single-issue summit... without sufficient preparation... without a concept of the region and its needs... then I think we will have missed the

point," he said. The Prince said an Arab summit should address economic disparities between wealthy oil-producing countries in the Gulf and

ported labour to them. He said the Arabs should dis cuss how to compensate manpower-exporting countries hit in recent years by declining remittances and a rise in the repatria-

policy change would have to be

ratified by the Palestine National

convene within six months to

discuss the peace efforts and

ratify the new steps, which he did

Arafat said that if his attempts

"If I fail, I will call the PNC to

to bring peace failed, he would resign as PLO chairman.

convene and I will present my

resignation... let the whole world

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Arafat said the PNC would

Council (PNC).

not describe.

# Peace process close to dead end — Arafat

BAGHDAD (Agencies) -Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Sunday efforts to bring peace to the Middle East were close to failure and his group might take other measures

to achieve its aims. "We are close to a dead end, but we have other options... and we hope that nobody will blame us if we take other steps," Arafat told reporters at his headquarters in Baghdad.

He said the PLO's Executive Committee, at a recent meeting in Tunis, had discussed alternative action although any major

know that patience has limits." Arafat said Israeli troops had

# Palestinian state WASHINGTON (Special) — A

The column, by Jack Anderson

report was written by the Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) top ler, who started his research man of the CIA's National Intelligence Council.

Following are excerpts from the column:

The report's strong conclusion and its author's credentials have spooked ardent supporters of Israel in the administration. They are churning out other studies to remind Bush that any movement towards a Palestinian state threatens Israel's security.

A high-level State Department

CIA and finished it for his new employer, the Rand Corp. It is not classified, but was distributed

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wounded in Gaza on Saturday No respite seen in Aoun-Geagea battle

REIRUT (Agencies) — Battles continued in Beirut's rain-drenched alleyways and the moun-tains northeast of the capital Sunday as civilians ran a gamutlet of sniper fire into the western sector to buy food and water for their

trapped families. Rebel general Michel Acom's troops and Lebanese Forces (LF) militiamen led by warlord Samir Geagea ignored two ceasefire calls to end their 13-day-old war for mastery of the predominantly Christian enclave north of Beirut. It is the bloodiest fighting between rightist forces since the

Lebanese civil war erupted in Police said at least eight people were killed and 17 wounded. Acon's headquarters reported 12 soldiers and four officers killed in

the last two days.
That raised the casualty toll since fighting erupted Jan. 30, when Aoun moved against Geagea, to at least 457 killed and 1,701 wounded.

Shell-battered hospitals packed with casualties made fresh radio appeals for blood, plasma, oxygen and water as supplies ran

In some districts of East Beirut, the stench of death hung in streets where decomposing bodies have lain for days. Civil defence teams have not been able to remove them because of fierce

Hundreds of frightened civi-

lians dodged bullets and sprinted

across the city's dividing green line. Many risked their lives to

buy bread and drinking water for

their families trapped in under-ground shelters and basements by the fighting.

ern sector, which is outside the combat zone. Police said about 25,000 people have crossed the green line's through the mid-city museum

Witnesses quoted by Reuters said Aoun sent more troops and tanks to positions in the mountains at Keserwan northeast of Beirut, where Lebanese Forces militiamen beat back an attack

Others who made it across the five-kilometre demarcation line staved in the Syrian-policed west-A committee of officers from

crossing, a 500-metre gateway into west Berrot, in the last three

Saturday. The LF also sent more

to hang onto the heights. A military source quoted by Reuters said they were "fighting to the death" to protect a vital supply

both sides and another committee of mediators were due to meet late Sunday to strengthen the ceasefire. But political sources pinned few hopes on an early end to the battle.

One mediator, Bishop Khalil Abi Nadir, urged Aoun to accept an appeal from Pope John Paul to end the bloodletting and said he guaranteed cooperation from

Geagea.
Abi Nadir appealed to local and foreign charities and the wealthy to donate medical supplies, food and fuel. "My soul is mies, but by Gen. Aoun from armoured vehicles and men to try sad till death," he told the LF-run within." Geagea said.

Security sources said units of the 10,000-strong LF on Saturday pushed back troops trying to cap-ture the villages of Klaiat and Ajaltona 18 kilometres northwest

Voice of Lebanon.

of Beirut

French Minister for Humanitarian Aid Assistance Bernard Kouchner left Beirut Staturday, admitting he failed to work out a settlement. Geagea made a new appeal to Pope John Paul to "redouble

Your Holiness' efforts to stop

this horrendous bloodbath

brought on the Christians by a

mad general. "The Christians of Lebanon are threatened with extinction. not at the hands of external ene-

### Sudan begins arming Juba citizens

# **Bashir visits besieged city**

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudan's military strongman, Lt.-Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir, paid a surprise visit to the besieged southern capital Juba Saturday as the government stated to arm the city's citizens, a newspaper said Sunday.

Al Kuwat Al Musalaha daily said the citizens of Juba, the capital of southern Equatoria region which is 1,200 kilometres south of Khartoum, vowed to defend their city against rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

The newspaper quoted Chief of Staff Gen. Ishag Ibrahim Omer as saying that the army had started to train civilians to help counter rebel offensives.

Last year, Bashir's military government announced the plan to form civilian militias all over the country.

"Citizens in Juba have called for the rapid training of popular forces for defence" to carry out their duty in the protection of the nation, Ishag said.

He said "the necessary arms, ammunition and clothings have been supplied to the citizens in

Ishag said the citizens of Juba said they would crush the rebels "in the jungles, in the roads and inside their camps.

Bashir's brief visit was described by Ishag as "successful by all standards and achieved its goals."

Juba was shelled by rebels three times last month, leaving around 20 civilians dead and scores wounded. Western relief workers who have been evacuated from Juba describe it as a city of terror and panic whose 250,000 inhabitants are also facing food

The rebel SPLA have cut off almost all the road routes to Juba. Juba airport receives milit-

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ary flights, to supply its 9,000-10,000 soldiers in the city, as well as a trickle of relief food for the

civilian population. Bashir told a mass rally in Juha that the SPLA "insists on the continuation of the war and rejects all peace calls."

The rebels took up arms against the government in 1983. They want more autonomy and administrative and economic re-

Meanwhile Radio Omdurman reported Saturday that over 100 rebels have been killed in south Sudan when government forces destroyed an ambush set by re-

The radio run by the Sudanese government, said the rebels were killed in fierce fighting between government troops and SPLA in the country's Upper Nile region.

In a broadcast monitored in London, the radio quoted an announcement by military authorities saying that government destroyed the ambush without

losing any casualties. It said a converted tank and a truck loaded with ammunition for artillery and launchers were seized from the rebels.

The broadcast did not say when the fighting took place or give

exact location. In a separate development Sudan's military junta has released the head of the Communist Party from jail after holding him more than seven months, state radio reported Saturday.

Ibrahim Nugud and the leaders of other major political parties

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were detained and their parties banned when the junta deposed the civilian government of Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi last June 30.

All the other political leaders were transferred from Khobar Prison to house arrest last month and in December.

Nugud's continued detention had been seen by Western diplomats as a sign that the junta was placating Islamic extremists who are bitterly opposed to the Com-

Radio Omdurman quoted Col-onel Bakri Hassan Saleh, a mem-

ber of the 15-man junta's Security Committee, as saying Saturday that Nugud and other political detainees had been released from prison in an effort to achieve national unity.

It said several other former politicians had been released with Nugud, but identified only two — Beshir Omar, a former minister of energy and mining, and Abdul Rasoul Al Nur, a former governor of Kordofan region.

The radio did not say if Nugud and the other released politicians were freed unconditionally or placed under house arrest.

### MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

### Palestinian team visits Philippines

MANILA (R) - Two officials from the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) arrived in the Philippines Sunday to lay the groundwork for establishment of an embassy. PLO Deputy Foreign Secretary Abdul Latif Abu Hajli and Executive Secretary Sami Musalan are scheduled to call on President Corazon Aquino and Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus Monday. The Philippines and the PLO established diplomatic ties in September.

### Tunisian held for planning attack

TUNIS (R) - Tunisian police Saturday arrested a Muslim militant suspected of planning a sulphuric acid attack on a policeman in western Tunisia last month, the Tunisian News Agency (TAP) said. Abdul Hamid Mediouni, a warehouseman at a sugar factory near the town of Jendouba, was caught at dawn while trying to flee into neighbouring Algeria, it said. The agency said Mediouni had provided the acid and planned and supervised the attack on Police Inspector Mohammad Salah in Jendouba on Jan. 29. Jendouba residents said police had set up roadblocks around the town and had searched the homes of known Muslim militants to look for Mediouni. The man who carried out the attack and another accomplice have already been arrested.

### Eritrean rebels launch new attacks

NAIROBI (R) — Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) rebels said Sunday they had launched a major attack along the Keren front, north-west of Asmara, the capital of Eritrea province in northern Ethiopia. The announcement on rebel radio. monitored here, appeared to indicate an intensification of the latest campaign in Eritrea's 28-year war, Africa's longest-running civil war. "The valiant people's army launched this large-scale attack after it had crushed the enemy's huge armies on the Asmara-Masawa Line, and after imposing its control on Masawa town at midday yesterday (Saturday)," the radio said. It gave no details of the fighting, but said government military and naval forces suffered "huge losses" in the battle for the Red Sea port of Masawa. Ethiopian government sources have not confirmed the rebels' claim to have captured the port, but have reported fighting along the strategic 105-kilometre road from Masawa to Asmara, the main route for supplies to famine areas of Eritrea.

### Queen, leaders and personalities to resurrect ancient library

ASWAN (R) — Queens, presidents, princesses and rulers converged on the Egyptian holiday resort of Aswan Sunday to resurrect a 2,000-year-old library that was once a seat of learning for the ancient world.

More than \$150 million is needed to recreate Alexandria Library near its original site in the Mediterranean port city of Alex-andria, sacked by Julius Caesar's Roman legions in 48 B.C.

"The old library was not just a library — it was a university, said Project Director Mohsen Zahran. "We are reviving the idea of an advanced information

Queen Noor Queen Sofia of Spain, Princess Caroline of Monaco and Sheikh Zaid Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates are among those gathering for the fund-raising

French President Francois Mitterrand and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were due to join the talks Monday.

The Alexandria project aims to recapture some of the spirit of the ancient library which once housed up to 700,000 papyrus scrolls detailing what the ancient world knew of astronomy, mathematics, philosophy and theology. It was both a library and a

centre of learning, attracting Greek scholars including Euclid, the inventor of geometry and Aristophenes who calculated the circumference of the Earth. The new library is to be built in the shape of the rising sun - a

symbol of ancient Egypt — and will, it is hoped, recapture some of Alexandria's now faded glory. The library will have microfiches instead of Papyrus scrolls and video casettes instead of Greek teachers, to create a late 20th century equivalent of the old library as a centre of information and learning.

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# Shamir-Sharon showdown key to Israeli bid

TEL AVIV (R) — A showdown in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rightwing Likud Party Mon-Palestinian talks. mir's rightwing Likud Party Monday will make or break his proposals for peace with Palestinians and shape the future of Israel's alliance with the United States.

The 74-year-old premier must defeat hardline party rivals led by Ariel Sharon, leader of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, if he is to

Washington hopes a dramatic

Shamir victory, together with an influx of Soviet Jews and improving relations with the Kremlin and Eastern Europe, will give

Israel confidence to negotiate its Sample polls show Shamir will

party's 3,000 Central Committee members meet. Supporters say his speech will portray him as Israel's unrivalled defender.

But a party victory would be bollow unless Shamir can avoid the constraints Trade Minister Sharon, as committee chairman, and his supporters want to impose on peace efforts.

### 'Peace process close to dead end'

### (Continued from page 1)

shot Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip over the last few days in revenge for the attack on an Israeli bus in Egypt a week ago. U.N. relief workers said two Palestinians were shot dead and

about 130 wounded in clashes with troops in the Gaza Strip over recent days, most of them in the "If what happened to the Israeli bus was a terrorist act, then what would we call the

level?" Arafat asked. Referring to the bus raid, Arafat said all violence, from whatever side, would undermine peace efforts.

massacres at Rafah? Weren't

they an act of terrorism on a state

In a separate interview with the Al Quds Al Arabi newspaper, Arafat said the PLO had never been presented any list of Palestinian negotiators to any party. Anything concerning the matter will be discussed in detail with the Palestmian leadership," he said. "We have nothing to conceal, and the decision will be taken by the Palestinian leadership," he

But he said the PLO had "presented stipulations over the delegation and these stipulations were accepted.'

He said the PLO stipulated that members of the delegation be from the occupied land and from outside, including Jerusalem. "Any delegation, whether agreed upon or not, should be within our stipulations," he said. Arafat said that during the

27-month-old uprising in the occupied lands, Israeli soldiers had killed 1,050 Palestinians and injured 57,000 with 6,600 permanent disabilities. Over 5.600 preenancies were aborted because of the Israeli army's use of "chemicals which they call tear-gas," he

He said 66,000 were detained. Thousands of homes were demolished or sealed, or closed, thousands of hectares of land with fruit trees were burned, hospitals were attacked and schools and universities were closed for the third consecutive year," he said. "I ask the American people, whom we see as a religious Christian society: Did you see the sacrilege of Bethlehem? Do you know how Beit Sahour was

abused? How the sanctity of the churches and mosques is violated and how Christians and Muslims children or women, are killed by taxes paid by the American citizen at a time when the U.S. stops paying \$18 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) and allocates an increase of 100 million for Israel for the settlement process without announcing this in the budget?"

Arafat criticised what he saidwas lack of Arab financial support for the Palestinian uprising He said, citing a report by an American organisation, that Arab contribution the Afghan rebels exceed \$19.5 billion in one year while the PLO received. according to the same report. \$2.1 billion in Arab aid in 20

"Isn't it strange that the Arabs are miserly towards the intifada? Do you know how much the Palestinian people lose each month because of the intifada according to Israeli reports and statistics? Our losses in the past 24 months are estimated at \$2,300 million," he said.

### 'Palestinian state is inevitable'

### (Continued from page 1)

official Palestinian state. Referring to the Palestinian uprising, Fuller writes: "The forces now unleashed - and the responses evoked in Israel, the United States, and elsewhere have now made the ultimate emergence of a Palestinian state on the West Bank inevitable. Such a process will be long, painful and complex, but no other solution any longer seems viable."

The United States officially, opposes creation of a Palestinian state, unless such a state emerges from peace negotiations with the blessings of Israel.

Israel is now too worried about its security to give that blessing. Fuller disputes such thinking as shortsighted. In the long term, he contends, the Middle East needs

a solution that breaks the prolonged cycle of violence, while acknowledging that Israel's security and its vulnerability to terrorism must be reasonably addressed. He writes: "The question is

more complex than simply whether or not there is a Palestinian state. The process of 'getting there' is critical, for it will characterise the relationships between the Jewish and Palestinian states - as well as between Israel and against the Israeli state.

the Arab World - for a long time to come.

"If the way to the Palestinian state is long, brutal, bloody and filled with rancor, in a process in which Israel has not taken the leadership but rather is viewed as having gime down in defeat, the psychological relationship of the two states will be tigly and will perhaps contain the seeds of future conflict. For Israel's relationship with the Arab World as well, it is important that the birth of a new state not be perceived as an Arab victory born of force and violence, for this might encourage further attempts to use force

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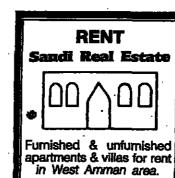
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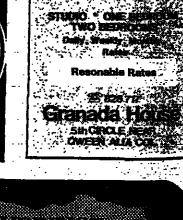


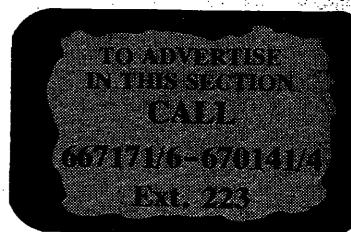
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On Israel's often brutal actions against the Palestinians in the occurred territories. Awada said his connery had clearly expressed its position and called for humane treatment of the people under occupation in accordance with international norms.

He added that his country was closely following developments in the occupied lands and had provaled aid for Palestinians through international organisations such as the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

In reply to a question, Awada said that there were many fields of economic cooperation between Jordan and Japan, Japan pro-vides Jordan with aid through soft ioans and technical assistance, he said. He expressed hope for increased Japanese aid to Jordan in

### **NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF**

# Combibilities to Hude promises better quality, quantity thile to Note Abn Al

ng to the sacillion in Arab; AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Supply Nabil Abu Al Huda announced Sunday that the Civil Consumers' Corporation would improve quality and increase quantity within a short period to accommodate the government's policies aimed at minimising the burden of employees and providing them with better priced products. The minister told the Jordan News Agency, Petra, that erly towards the daily meetings were being held to discuss ways to achieve this important move in the work of the society. He said the corporation would open new branches in the different parts of the Kingdom and ng to latel at concentrate on marketing local products to encourage local production.

### Bee-keepers form society

AMMAN (Petra) - Bee-keepers in Jordan have formed a society and elected as its chairman Ibrahim Al Nather, professor of insecticides and bee-breeding at University of Jordan. The society ab World-in aims at arousing interest in breeding bees, an important element in agricultural production and a pillar for national economy, Nather the way to the told Petra. The formation of the society also aims at bolstering is long, bund to scientific ties between Jordanian poe-scepers and unernational with ranco, in: parts abroad through participation in conferences and international Israel has we exhibitions, he said.

### Ship but rates Accord signed with Soviets g gune down int

Ological relation AMMAN (Petra) - Amman Chamber of Industry and the Soviet tates will be at Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday signed a memoran-ps contain the dum of understanding on cooperation under which the two will conflict. For k exchange visits by delegations and will be trained and oriented on up with the An each others' regulations. The Soviet delegation welcomed a it is important planned Jordanian industrial exhibition in Moscow this summer.

### ew state not be p JD 9.65m produce exported in January ab victory bong JD 9.65m produce exported in January

ice, for this me AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan exported JD 9.65 million worth of arther anemoti vegetables and fruit in January, according to the Agricultural st the Israelist Marketing Organisation (AMO). Vegetables accounted for 80.6 per cent of the exports with fruits accounting for the rest, it said. fost of the exports were sent to the Arab Gulf countries, with Saudi Arabia ranking first, followed by Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Qatar and Bahrain. The AMO said only 2.3 of the exported volume were destined for European countries. January's exports were 84.8 per cent higher than those of January 1989, the AMO said.

### QAF team back from Alexandria

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation representing the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund (OAF) returned home Sunday from Furnished Alexandria after attending a meeting on young garls' welfare. The conference, organised by the Egyptian Family Planning Society STUDIO OF STUDIO O TWO session Activities, recommended that information on the state of girls Dair, Works, saged between 12 and 20 years be documented. The conference also Res called for enacting special regulations and legislations guaranteeing good education and health for girls and for organising the labour market with a view to ensuring good work opportunities for them. Taking part in the conference were women delegations from eight subther Arab countries. The Jordanian delegation included Inaam Granada Darish and Taghrid Tubbeh.

### 5th CREATING INCLUSION IN THE STATE OF THE S

AMMAN (Petra) — The general assembly of the Arab Academy for Protection of Industrial Property in Jordan Saturday held a ecting to discuss its activities and review a report prepared by its coard of directors. The assembly also set up a special committee, peaded by Basil Bustami and grouping Issa Dallal and Khair Baino, entrusted with making proposals and suggestions on imendments to trade marks and commercial brands to cope with socio-economic development and the changes Jordan witnessed over the last few years.

### V. German police delegation arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation respecting West German police crived in Amman Sunday. The delegation will discuss bilateral elations and cooperation in combatting drugs.

### WHAT'S GOING ON

following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and he daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed me and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

A plastic art exhibition which includes paintings, sculptures and ceramic works at the Spanish Cultural Centre. An exhibition of photos of plays directed by Chereau, Mes-guich, Misouchkine, Planchon and others, at the French Cultural Centre.

A photographic exhibition entitled "Panorama 1989" at the Soviet Cultural Centre.

An exhibition of pointings by Alia Ammoura, Nabila Hilmi and Nawal Abdullah at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation. A plastic art exhibition by Tawliq Al Sayed at the Goethe

An exhibition entitled "The Blue Rider" at Mu'ta University.

LECTURE A lecture by Sharif Fawwaz Sharef, Jordan's ambassador to West Germany, on the effect of the changes in Eastern Europe

on Arab issues at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation -- 6:80

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A British film entitled "On the Black Hill", shown as part of the European film week at the Philadelphia Cinema — 8:00

Soviet documentaries at the Soviet Cultural Centre - 5:30 p.m.

# Planning Ministry negotiating development loans for firms

By Mariam M. Shahia Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN - The Ministry of Planning is negotiating development loans totalling more than 2500 million for companies in the private and public sectors such as the phosphates company and the Industrial Development Bank, Minister of Planning Awni Masri said Sunday. The minister told reporters that

the ministry would support the Kingdom's economic reform programme by ensuring the success of the adjustment policies and by reviving the private sec-tor's role. "We want to make the private sector the driving force in our economy and we want to supplement the national economy by providing an adequate invest-

ment atmosphere," he said. The minister pointed out that previous economic plans had provided for the implementation of public sector projects but they did not succeed as a driving force. There was no harmony among the various sectors while the public sector was entrusted with the role of the 'driving force' in the

economy." Masri said.
He said a special task force had been formed by the ministry to draw up a short-term plan (1990-93) which was compatible with the national economic reform

programme.

He said that a Ministry of

IRBID (Petra) - Industry and

Trade Minister Ziad Fariz Son-

day stressed the important role

that the trade and industrial sec-

tors could play in developing the

country's own resources and

strengthening its national eco-

In an open discussion with rep-

resentatives of the trade and in-

dustrial sectors held at the Irbid

Chamber of Commerce, Fariz

said that Jordan suffers from eco-

nomic and social problems,

caused by a deficit in the balance

of trade, the country's foreign

debt and financial obligations and

He said the country's economic

policy was based on individual

initiatives, and called for acti-

vating the national capacities to

enable the country to cope with

the challenges. He also called for

finding solutions to the unem-

Fariz called on the Irbid Cham-

responsibilities in making mer-chants aware of their duties and governorate.

Ports Corporation urged to

give priority to local workers

AQABA (Petra) - Minister of in the Civil Servants Law.

ber of Commerce to shoulder its

Transport and Telecommunica-

tions Ibrahim Ayyonb Sunday

called for giving priority to Jorda-

nian workers for jobs available at

the Ports Corporation and for paying them higher salaries and providing proper housing for new.

At a meeting with Ports Cor-poration officials, Ayyonb called

for replacing non-Jordanian

workers with Jordanians. He dis-

cossed with them issues pertain-

ing to a aid fund for staff and

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ployment problem.

Fariz outlines role of

trade, industrial sectors

replace the current law, namely the National Planning Council Law, which no longer meets the needs of the ministry at this stage of its development.

He said that different departments in the ministry were entrusted with various national planning projects. The Regional Planning Department, the minister said, is currently processing data on each governorate and attempting to gather statistical information on all projects. whether in the public or private

He said that a manpower project was being implemented by the Manpower Development Department. The project's objective is to study manpower capabilities in Jordan as well as create a data bank on the Kingdom's work-

The Bilateral Cooperation Department is doing follow-up work on the implementation of various agreements of public and private sector organisations to ensure that the concerned parties abide by the agreements.

The minister also said that the ministry had taken on the role of post auditor." He said that the ninistry studies and follows up on governmental and private projects and makes periodic evaluations to ensure proper use of funds. "We do this so that we can

responsibilities and stressed the

need for informing the ministry of the merchants' problems and con-

Irbid Governor Jawdat Al

Sboul, who took part in the de-

bate, stressed the need for decen-

tralisation, saying that departure

from routine work and central-

ised policies reflect positively on different aspects of work. He

called on the government to re-

consider its decision to move the

Ramtha border check point to a

new site, in view of the negative

effects it would leave on Ramtha

Director of the Jordan Indust-

rial Estate Corporation Fayez

Suheimat reviewed progress of work in Irbid Industrial Estate,

and said that the corporation had

decided to give 20 per cent dis-

count to investors. He added that

the corporation was considering

other incentives to develop indus-

try in Irbid Governorate and to

Ayyoub also chaired a meeting

for a Jordanian-Egyptian sub-

committee at the Arab Maritime

Bridge Company. The committee

discussed means of improving the

services offered by the company

and overcoming difficulties facing

the smooth implementation of

work. He then visited the Iraqi-

Jordanian Land Transport Company, where he met with its depu-

ty director and discussed with him

issues pertaining to modernising the company's fleet of cars and

selling old and unusable cars.

itself and Irbid Governorate.

Planning law was being drafted to alert the parties in question of potential dangers and excesses which might arise in the course of the implementation of the agreements," Masn said.

More coordination between ministries will be encouraged in order to avoid duplication of work, the minister said.

The minister said that a lot of the ministries' "business" was held up by the prolonged deliberations of the Lower House of Parliament. But the ministry had gone ahead and paid outstanding bills to the time of JD 10.6

He said that the capital expenditure for 1990 would be ID 115 million --- JD 33 million from the budget and JD 81 million through loans.

The minister of planning, who was reported to be resigning earlier this week, made these comments at an informal meeting with members of the local press

Informed sources said that the minister had indeed contemplated resigning because he had apparently received a job offer in one of the Arab Gulf countries. "The meeting with the press, however, indicates that he has probably opted to stay on as asked not to be named. The minister did not comment on the reports of his resignation during his meeting with the press.



Khaled Al Karaki

# for JWA

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Culture Khaled Al Karaki Sunday met with the president and executive members of the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA)

The minister stressed the importance of the association's activities in enriching culture and in protecting Jordanian writers and providing them with the proper atmosphere to excel in their work.

willing to cooperate with the association to strengthen the Jordanian cultural movement. The ministry will continue to work to protect writers and their work through a proposed writers' copyright law, the ministry has already submitted to the Prime Ministry for legal procedures, he

# said a source who

# Karaki pledges support

and discussed the associatio role in Jordan's cultural life.

Karaki said the ministry was

JWA President Abdul Rahim Omar thanked the minister on behalf of the executive committee of the association for his continued support.

### By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times staff received two months' salthe general manager and 10 workers from the factory." ary as bonus while the workers According to Batarseh, the AMMAN — A group of 12 management of the company, which is jointly owned by the workers who were sacked last Jordanian and Syrian govern-Thursday from the white cement factory because of a temporary halt in production ments, welcomed the establishment of a labour union from within the factory, which will was successful Sunday in re-

The white cement factory at Rashidiyeh in southern Jordan (File photo)

turning to their jobs after their complaints were aired by Lower House of Parliament de-puties during Saturday's ses-Minister of Labour Qaseem

Obeidat discussed the demands of the sacked workers with the management of the factory and it was decided that the workers return to their jobs at the beginning of next week. The demands of the workers

were raised by Lower House deputies Bassam Haddadin and Ahmad Kafaween, after which the labour minister announced that he would hold a-meeting the following day, Sunday, with both the management and the workers. "The management of the

Arab Company for the Manufacture of White Cement has decided to return all 12 workers who were laid off last Thursday. The decision was made after we met with the general manager of the com-pany," Obeidat told the Jordan Times after the meeting. Obeidat said that all the de-

mands of the workers were discussed in the meeting held at the Ministry of Labour and that all outstanding demands would be discussed in future meetings between the workers and the management of the

The director of industry affairs at the Ministry of Labour, Bahjat Odeh, said that the company's management agreed to study the conditions of the workers and discuss with them means of tackling their problems. He added that the comany's general manager, Tawfiq Batarseb, was "cooperative in the meeting which included the minister, myself,

then represent the workers in any demands they have.

**Retrenched cement workers** 

reinstated after intervention

Jamal Ma'aita, one of the fired employees, told the Jordan Times that before the decision was reached to return to their jobs, the management had told the workers they had to be laid off because the factory had to stop production and "there was no need for the labourers to continue working for the time being .

Batarseh explained that the factory sometimes had to suspend production because of "full" warehouses. He said that the laid-off labourers were daily workers and not part of the permanent staff like engineers and technicians.

"We don't need them when the factory is not producing, and so we tell them to go home and rest until the factory is producing again. The factory will resume production next Saturday, which is when the workers can come back to work," Batarseh said in a telephone interview with the Jordan Times.

When the 12 workers were sacked last Thursday, they were not given any warning or compensation, according to Khalid Adnan, one of the group. Batarseh said that if the fac-

tory was to stop production for labourers have to be laid off again, "we will continue to pay their salaries." He did not say whether the workers would be paid if the factory closed for less than two weeks.

Ma'aita and Adnan said that the labourers received JD 85 a month, while Batarseh said that their salaries were JD 3 per day, or JD 90 a month. The workers added that permanent

With a capital of JD 10 million, the company, which was established in 1982, has suffered financial losses in the past years. According to the financial manager of the company, Khalil Saleh, it incurred a loss of JD 1,427,760 in 1988. He could not provide figures for 1989.

The workers demanded that their financial position and benefits be improved, according to the two workers who spoke to the Jordan Times, describing their condition as "unbearable for any human being."

"We are the ones who are exposed to the silver-glance mineral (a native sulphurate of silver) which can seriously damage the lungs," Adnan said "We are not just workers; we are also technicians and supervisors, and we are the ones who are there from the beginning to the end of the entire production process. Yet, we are not given health insurance and we do not even have medical check-ups. But the employees and administrative staff enjoy these privileges, he complained.

Batarseh denied this allegation, saying that the workers did have regular medical check-ups and treatment. Besides health insurance,

the workers had demanded an increase in their salary of JD 85. They complained that they had never received raises during the two-year of work at the factory.

Adnan said that when 18 workers signed a petition demanding better conditions and gave it to the factory manager to pass it on to the general manager of the company, the manager ripped up the petition without delivering it.

He also said that the same day the workers' demands were published in Al Ra'i Arabic daily, the 12 were fired.

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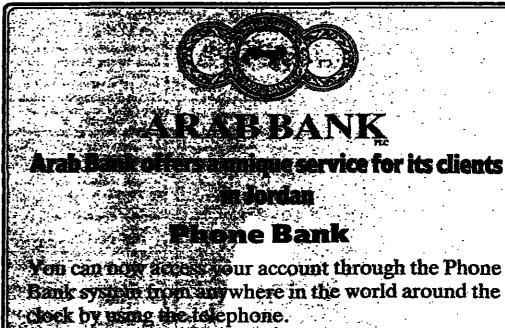
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### **Another turn in** a long struggle

NELSON MANDELA, the brightest symbol of freedom and equality in recent times, has finally won his own liberation and freedom after 27 years of incarceration. With his belated, yet most welcome liberation, an avalanche of other freedoms and equality for the South African blacks is expected to be set free. To be sure, the triumph of Mandela over oppression and apartheid is a triumph for all mankind which yearns for racial freedom and self-determination. Mandela's freedom is therefore an occasion for the entire world to rejoice and celebrate. True, what remains to be done in terms of the South Africans' struggle for equality and freedom is indeed long and tortuous. This is therefore no time for the blacks of South Africa to relax their ongoing struggle or for all freedom supporters everywhere to relax their vigilance. As Mandela himself has repeatedly warned, freedom does not come in half measures. Man, he said, is either completely free or not free at all. Perhaps Mandela can be best appreciated for this dictum on the conceptual framework of freedom and equality which has great bearing and implications on all struggles for freedom and equality across the entire world. That is why the fight against apartheid in South Africa has taken many routes and dimensions, including the insistence of Mandela himself on the lifting of the emergency regime from the law books of his country as a prelude to negotiations with the government of South Africa. What Mandela and his African National Congress are in effect saying is that freedom is indivisible and one cannot separate one component of it from the other.

At the same time, one must not neglect to mention the decision by which Mandela's release was made possible. True, the decision of President F.W. de Klerk to set free Mandela and legalise the ANC was a direct result of the preseverance of the blacks of South Africa. Still, the fact that de Klerk responded in a favourable way deserves recognition. With this new mood in South Africa, the stage is set for additional bold steps on the way to introduce other complementary measures on the way to making South Africa and its people, white and black alike, truly free.

There are no signs as yet for example that the South African government is leaning towards dismantling apartheid per se. The insistence on so-called equal but separate treatment of blacks and whites in South Africa is reminiscent of the now defunct American system of treating the negroes and whites of the United States "equally but separately." Fortunately, the U.S. supreme court had ruled such a proposition as unconstitutional and since that landmark decision the U.S. has moved diligently albeit not completely in the direction of dislodging such an absard concept from the American jurisprudence. No doubt, in due course South Africa will move in that direction as well and when that time comes, then and only then the celebration of Mandela's freedom will be complete.

### JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

APPEALS by the Arab countries to the superpowers and other nations of the world to help end the influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine will not yield any fruitful results, said Al Ra'l Arabic daily in an editorial Sunday. The only means of making their rights respected and felt by other nations is unity of ranks and political and military stand, the paper said. The daily said that the superpowers realise the harm they are doing to the Araba by allowing a million Jews to emigrate from Russia to the occupied territories, but they still persist in going along with pre-arranged plans for such emigration. The Arabs most unfortunately are following the traditional policy of holding a dialogue with the superpowers and other influential states with the hope of persuading them to exercise pressure on Israel, said the paper. But, it added, this is a futile policy leading nowhere and can never restore Arab or Palestinian rights.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Sunday praises the government of Prime Minister Mudar Badran for its bold step of curtailing the presence of foreign workers in Jordan, earning their living at the expense of thousands of unemployed Jordanians. Abdul Rukim Omar says that it is not reasonable for a country like Jordan carrying a heavy burden of foreign debts to continue to employ thousands of non-Jordanian workers who transfer their income to their home country, leaving Jordanian job-seekers without any income. But the writer says that a country like Jordan which has been supplying other Arab states with skilled workers and technicians can and should now embark on plans by which all job-seekers can be trained to do work now being done by non-Jordanians. The writer admits that the country is still in need of certain categories of foreign workers in industry, agriculture and other specialised fields, but, he notes, that the Ministry of Labour in cooperation with the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions and the Ministry of Planning can and should overcome the problem through training programmes and through media cam-paigns to persuade job-seekers to take up any job that can earn them money and at the same time help their country at this crucial

Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily pointed an accusing finger at Israel saying it was behind the attack on the bus carrying Israeli tourists near Ismailia in Egypt. The paper said that the attackers had planned the assault on the bus inside the occupied territories and were found to have employed American-made weapons used by the Israeli army to carry out their mission. One can only conclude that the Israelis want Egypt and other Arab countries to stop their world-wide campaign against the influx of Soviet Jews to Palestine and wants the Camp David peace accord to be destroyed so that it would not interfere in the ongoing immigration process, said the paper. The daily noted that Egypt's minister of interior announced that the perpetrators had made their plans inside Israel using American weapons to serve Israel's purpose and no

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# Practical steps to counter Jewish influ

IT USED to be fashionable for Arab diplomacy to knock at the doors of the United Nations every time the Arab World confronted a major external crisis. The resort to the United Nations system became so prolific in those earlier days that the United Nations headquarters was then dubbed as the Arab wailing wall. Now the automatic turning to the United Nations has faded and Arab "escapism" turned instead to Arab summits as the ultimate panacea to Arab woes and conflicts.

As a matter of fact and in all fairness it is too premature to dubb Arab summits as another venue for Arab escapism or as a reflection of bankruptcy in Arab diplomacy or Arab politics within the Arab World or vis-a-vis the outside world. Unlike the United Nations system which was exhausted with the proliferation of Arab complaints and the shedding of Arab tears every time the Arab World or any part thereof became the subject of aggression the Arab summit phenomenon has yet to prove its viability and potency or the lack of them in settling inter-Arab disputes or in confronting external threats on any Arab country. To be sure Arab summits can in principle turn either way depending on how the Arab leaders play their cards and how serious they are about transforming those summits as venues for effective treatment of Arab hardships and difficulties. Still the record of Arab summits so far suggests that the Arab leaders have a long way to convince the Arab peoples that summits constitute the ultimate weapon and the kind of fora for meaningful dialogue and lasting commitments on which the Arab Nation can rely for all times. It has not escaped the attention and concern of Arabs everywhere that many past resolutions of Arab summits went unheeded and turned simply ink on paper. With such record, the effectiveness of an Arab summit to tackle the Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel will remain doubful unless and until the projected Arab summit proves its worthiness as a serious tool to deal with this very serious threat to the entire Arab order. To put it bluntly and more succintly the Arab peoples everywhere are yearning for real and concrete evidence that future Arab summits will be drastically different from previous ones and are not intended or programmed to be a mere wailing wall for the Arab leaders and their people just like the United Nations used to be. It is nevertheless imperative that the next Arab summit on Soviet Jewry be given the benefit of the doubt as the Arab Nation has become short on ways and means to deal with its myriad conflicts and threats in a serious and profound way. Much more imperative and pressing is the responsibility of the Arab leaders to prove to their peoples that turning to Arab summits is truly the ultimate Arab weapon which can be as effective and biting as Arabs would want it to be.

And while it would be presumptuous to lecture the Arab leaders on what they should do to confront the emerging new challenges and threats to the Arab order, it is nevertheless permissible by way of counsel and recommendation to offer some thoughts on how, for example, they may deal with the Jewish exodus. As far as most Arab peoples are concerned the litmus test that would determine the seriousness of Arab reaction and action to face up to this new Israeli threat, is whether the Arab leaders would in fact translate their pious sentiments towards the Palestinian people under occupation into concrete actions and measures. To be more specific, the first concern is to gauge how meaningful is the Arab governments' support for the Palestinian intifada by way of bolstering and fortifying the continued presence of the Palestinian people on their soil. It would seem opportune if not outright overdue that the Arab countries agree on some Arab Marshall plan for the West Bank and Gaza/Strip as a practical way to assure the perpetual presence of the Palestinian people in their lands which in turn may help frustrate Israeli plans to settle Soviet Jews in the occupied territories. The second test

would be determined by the kind of aid and support other Arab countries would extend to front-line states, notably Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. If massive Jewish immigration to Israel is genuinely viewed as a formidable and awesome threat to the entire Arab World, surely the Arab leaders would also agree that Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are the first tranches in the face of Israeli

expansionism that deserve special aid.

There is no Arab leader who does not regard massive Jewish immigration as a phenomenon that will lead to Israeli expansionism. If this is the case, and one has the right to presame that it is, then it is incumbent on the Arab leaders in their forthcoming summit to go beyond expressing sentiments over Jewish immigra-tion whether by way of raising their public voices against it or by sending delegations and emissaries to Moscow and Washington or wherever to warn against its consequences. It must be clear to all Arabs by now that in the wake of the volcanic eruptions that took place in the Soviet Union and its allied East European countries, the Arab World's clout has diminished considerably and unless the Arab order undergoes profound changes and reformations it is going to be left way behind as a light weight power in the international arena. No amount of screaming or yelling or sobbing will do the job of changing the decision of Moscow and Washington on massive Jewish immigration to Israel and the sooner the Arab World comprehends this the better.

Making the Palestinians more robust and resilient is worth more than all the diplomatic complaints now envisaged or contemplated by the Arab governments. Likewise making Jordan. Syria and Lebanon that much stronger and secure its worth more than all the countless condemnations and censorships that the Arab governments are thinking of. How then the projected Arab summit moves and acts on the Jewish exodus to Israel will make or break it for all intents and purposes.

# 'Likud's battle is over power, not ideology'

By Steve Weizman Reuter

TEL AVIV - Feuding leaders of Israel's Likud party say they are debating the future of their country and Middle East peace but some see it purely as a struggle for succession inside the right-

wing party.

Hardline rebels challenging Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a key meeting Monday are less concerned about proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks than which of them will succeed the 74-year-old party leader, says Likud member Yossi Belboim.

The game is in no way ideological, it's totally personal, staking out positions of strength within the party for a battle of succession," said Belboim, a member of the party's central committee who backs Shamir.

The result of the power struggle could derail any hope of progress towards peace. The Labour party has threatened to withdraw from the mbing coalition if Shamir reneges on his

Belboim says Shamir — no less than the hardliners - opposes concessions over the talks and mooted Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip but does not want to be seen as scuttling U.S.backed peace efforts.

"There are things that he cannot say out load - not for now at least," he said.

Shamir and his opponents have sent the central committee's 3,000 members conflicting invitations to the Monday meeting. Shamir's summons calls for a vote of confidence in his leadership. The hawkish rebels want

debate to define and limit his power to make policy.

The rebels are led by Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy and Economics Minister Yitzhak Modai. Sharon and Levy see themselves as candidates to succeed Shamir. Modai hopes to

benefit if either becomes party chief\_ Sharon and Levy are angry at Shamir's apparent preference that his heir be Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, an Americantrained professor of aeronautical

The meeting, originally set for last Wednesday, was postponed because of the ambush-killing of nine Israeli tourists near Cairo last week.

Sharon, a former general and

square metres.

defence minister who directed Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, seized on the attack to justify his opposition to the proposed U.S. and Egyptian sponsored Israeli-Palestinian talks in

In the days leading up to the meeting, animosity among the Likud rivals has degenerated into personal attacks.

Modai referred to the diminutive Shamir as "a shorty who runs onto a basketball court...and tries to interfere with giant players." Arens is also a favourite target.

Sharon labels Arens a draft dodger for completing his educa-tion in the United States in 1948 while the Jewish state battled Arab armies.

Levy, a Morocco-born former construction worker sensitive to preceived class barriers, speaks of academics" and "the professor" with undisguised contempt.

has repeatedly com plained that important issues facing the broad coalition government are decided by Shamir and Arens, together with Labour's Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin, while he is left in the dark. Belboim thinks the anticipated battle Monday could have been avoided if the prime minister had

given Levy less cause to feel slighted.

"As deputy prime minister and hairman. Shamir deputy party chairman, Shamir did not take him into his confi-

dence enough," he said. Belboim, in constant touch with other committee members throughout the country, says he will back Shamir and is confident

the premier will win a comfortable majority. "Everybody says the same thing, we cannot let this damage our party, we must show unity," he said. "I would say that Shamir will have the support of 80 per

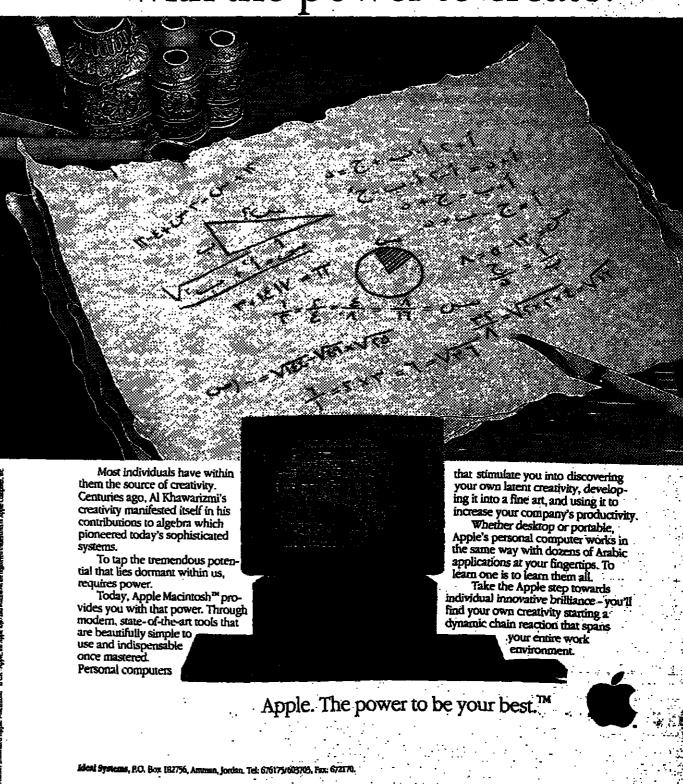
cent of the delegates."
Organisers, anticipating a long and possibly rowdy session, have booked a conference hall from Monday afternoon until early Tuesday morning and hired squads of private guards.

The party's image — reinforced when a 1986 committee session ended with chairs and bottles flying - is one of beerdrinking roughnecks, mostly manual workers born in the Arab

A new generation of Likud politicians - former lawyers, economists and diplomats — are attracting young, middle class voters while some traditional support has gone to religious parties, he said.

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After recounting all this the maestro raised his voice and in a

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Hussein Foundation, through the

National Conservatory of Music.

"If we teach well, time will be on

our side we will get a better

generation of artists." Bashir

accepts as essential the teaching

of Occidental music, but "why do

Westerners not teach Arabic

music?" Mental imperialism, he

calls it. "Occidentals look at us as

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Bashir believes in women as

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By Nelly Lama Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN --- Iraqi-born ud player and music instructor Munic Bashir, secretary general of the Arab Music Academy (AMA) and head of the regional secretarist of International Music Council (IMC), was invited to Jordan to attend the meetings and rostrom of the two institutions here in Amman last week.

Bashir, who has attended similar meetings all over the world, finds the Jordan-based Arab Music Rostrum most resourceful

and very enriching. Bashir started his life in Musel, northern Iraq, in a family that claims seven generations of musi-ciaus. Since childhood he had what he called "the Arabic com-

"I felt that we are a people with a deep culture and civilisation that is worth protecting," he ex-plained. He was familiar with Occidental music through his older brother Jamil who played the violin. "We were the first household in Musel to buy a gram-mophone; we called it "Abu Chaleb" since the dog on it was the logo of His Master's Voice."

He heard the muwasahahat from his father, a renowned musician/educator. At age nine he was introduced to Sherif Moheiddin Haidar from the Iraqi royal family, director of the Institute of Music in Baghdad. He was to leave the deepest impression on Bashir, who describes him as a noble because he was a sherif and also because he saw nobility in music. "He advised me to study cello for my fingers to loosen up and for the technique. I also studied the piano and composed music when only 10. I had a deep feeling for the ud but I was scorned; it was not appreciated as an instrument that could stand in with Western instuments. I believed that if the mentality behind the ud was primitive and sickly, it could be developed, educated and refined in order to produce the highest standard of music and bring back the golden days of the

This is the road that Bashir followed, a tough one with a clear aim. When he received the prize for a competition in Turkey where many classical European and Turkish orchestras, easembles and opera groups had partici-pated, he realised that he was following the right road. "The ud has its great value among those who known!", he says.

He fived in Belrut where he recorded works with the Rabbani brothers, and for the first and last time accompanied a vocalis, the celebrated Arab singer Feyrouz in a number of recordings. Frus-trated at finding "no appreciation" for his instrumentals, he became the first television producer in the Arah World in 1956-57. Carrying his nd wherever he goes, he managed to be the first Arab to record his music at the Third Programme of the BBC. Radio France also recorded his music. He travelled through Europe imbibing all its music keeping one thing in mind "Will the nd ever play a part in the music of these countries?" He approached the Music

Academy of Budapest in Hungary. He remembers the state of arrogance and ambition in which he approached it and what a humbling experience it was to start from the beginning, in the correct manner, on the piano, to learn all about music. "Farkash Franz, the director of the scademy, was interested in Oriental music and so they were both teaching and receiving from me all I knew about Arab and Iraqi music. In the third year I met Kodaly, who was then 83. He asked me to teach them about Arab music as I would teach children. I soon joined the research department and made a comparative study of Occidental and Arab music. As for Kodaly's pedagogic method, it opened a whole new field for me," says

He spent some time performing and researching in Lebanon, and worked on the music of a

At that time be faced the worst part of his career. "I was faced with proud ignorance, mediocrity, a decadent culture, untruthful boasting, false compliments and a refusal of spiritual music which to me was very essential." He was invited to lecture and perform at the University of Geneva, "This is what really launched me," he

Bashir played in 50 European countries, and was the first Arab ndist to play in the Kennedy Centre, the USA. He remembers with awe the day he was guest of honour at the Versailles Cathedral. "Remembering that brings

make Arab music known to the world. In any case, they are opening up to it." His works are KYO (R) — James "Buster"

contrasted effects can have quite an impression on people's émo-

"Music does not need a cultured audience," he advises. "But it should make them cultured. One should play in a way ws conference where the WBA that even simple people can

ture, we might not be as good as they are but we have a lot to soldiers start early." As for Marc Loopuyt who failed to show up, Western culture to offer something Oriental in spite of the difficulty of the scales."

them for our leisure, for weddings or sad events, but we should have genuine values in Arabic music. Think of Al Farabi and Al Kindi; they affected the civilisation of the world. We should strive to walk in their steps. I am now working for the he says.

### Mastery of instrument

When you hear Bashir play, you journey to India hearing tones close to Ravi Shankar's, to avyweight champion of the Andalusia and the effects of a rid earlier when he knocked flamenco guitar, to the Maqamat of Abasid Iraq, to the music of lore a Tokyo Dome crowd Byzantium, Yemen and Carth- icially estimated at 51,600. Byzantium, Yemen and Carthage. All this and more is perceived in his improvised interpretation. His technique is impeccable, he has a mastery of his instrument that is rare. He does not follow a solid structure but goes from one motif to another, sweeping his andience from an count in the eighth round, avalanche of strong vibratos to a calm almost inaudible plucking of strings going so slowly from one note to the other that one can hardly see his fingers move. Such

Bashir is familiar with every performer who performed on eves of the Amman meeting. He found the Puheis group "interest- EDIATELY ing," the Nagham group "need time to grow and widen their tail outlets and possibly on horizons." He pleads with them g some related office work. both to keep their pure Jordanian our work week. phony orchestra of the Armed ite in English with C.V. to Forces. "They should practice , Amman. incessantly, and let young musical he hopes to found with him an institute for the ud, he invited DFFER him and 30 French udists to perform in the Festival of Babylon. He takes pride in Patrick Lama, "a hard-working composer who lives the life and ethics of a musician. He tries to use his

taining" musicians. "We need "From my home in Baghdad, I keep a look-out at what is happening in the Arab music scene in the world today. Cheap music is killing good music. We should hold on and encourage serious music and serious performers," I

# Douglas knocks Tyson out; Arab Academy of Music trying to WBA, WBC do not recognise win

of having a rematch with Tyson before fighting Holyfield. WBC President Jose Sulaiman being recorded on compact disks. uglas is seeking a "people's mpsonship" fight with leading said at the news conference he vyweight contender Evander lyfield, Douglas's manager thought a rematch "was absoluten Johnson said Sunday. mandatory."

"I'm almost sure that both Douglas was declared the Douglas and Tyson want to meet," he said. But Johnson said that while the k Mike Tyson in the 10th round

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King and Tyson were on the dais at the news conference, while Douglas and Johnson were

Had Tyson won, he would have faced Holyfield on June 18 in Douglas camp had expected to Atlantic City in a deal expected to gross as much as 75 to 80

A Douglas-Holyfield fight would probably bring far less -

with no cut for King. In January, King said it would be a great tragedy if Tyson lost of Douglas, referring to the effect

on the fight with Holyfield. 'It would be a great tragedy. If he loses, there is no match between Tyson and Holyfield... The contract becomes invalid."

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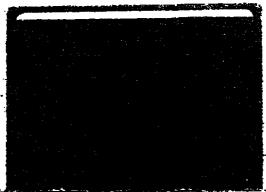
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### Bangladesh urges drive against protection

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh President Hossain Ershad has urged wealthier nations to lower trade barriers he said had helped make the 1980s a decade of despair for developing countries. Ershad, opening a four-day ministerial conference of the least developed countries (LDC), said a 1981 United Nations plan to double national income in the 1980s had failed completely. Anual growth rates in LDC countries reached only 2.3 per cent against a target of 7.2 per cent. "What was to have been a decade of development, became for them (LDCs) a decade of despair," Ershad told the meeting. He said developing countries were hit by low world market prices for commodities, from cocoa to coffee or oils, and a fall in investment. But tariffs excluding produce from lucrative markets of the industrialised world worsened the problem.

### French GTM sees Kharg contract award

PARIS (R) - French building firm GTM Entrepose said it would soon know whether it had won a 1.5-billion-franc (\$260 million) contract to rebuild part of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal damaged in the Iran-Iraq war. "We expect an answer within days," a GTM official said. He said GTM was bidding against Italian firm Micoperi. He gave no details of the deal, which is being negotiated. by GTM's offshore construction unit, Entrepose-GTM Pour les Travaux Petroliers Maritimes, with the National Iranian Oil Company. Industry sources said GTM has just signed another \$45 million deal to repair Iran's Nasr platform in the Sirri field. Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Agazadeh said on Tehran Radio Thursday that Iran had agreed the contract with an unnamed french firm Wednesday.

### Venezuela expects hard 1990

CARACAS (R) - President Carlos Andres Perez has said that 1990 will be a hard year for Venezuela but the country has laid the foundation for an economic recovery through an austerity programme. "The balance of the year from the point to view of the people is not good, I would say, because it was the year of economic adjustment," Perez said in a national radio address. "I do not doubt that this year 1990 will also be difficult but it will not be like 1989," he added. Government officials say the oil-based economy is in a recession but the austerity programme is necessary to make the economy more competitive and attractive to foreign loans and investment needed for development.

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Arab summits as another venue for Arab escapism or reflection of bankruptcy in Arab diplomacy or Arab po-within the Arab World or vis-a-vis the outside world. Unlike United Nations system which was exhausted with the prolifer; of Arab complaints and the shedding of Arab tears every time Arab World or any part thereof became the subject of aggre-the Arab summit phenomenon has yet to prove its viability potency or the lack of them in settling inter-Arab disputes confronting external threats on any Arab country. To be

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# 'Likud's battle is over power, not ideology'

By Steve Weizman Renter

TEL AVIV — Feuding leaders of Israel's Likud party say they are debating the future of their country and Middle East peace but some see it purely as a struggle for succession inside the right-

wing party.

Hardline tebels challenging
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir at a key meeting Monday are less concerned about proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks than which of them will succeed the 74-year-old party leader, says Likud member Yossi Belboim.

"The game is in no way ideological, it's totally personal, staking out positions of strength within the party for a battle of succes-

12 to 19 parts per billion in 13 product samples, a level the FDA says would not pose an immediate health hazard. Benzene is a colourless, flammable liquid used in the manufacture of such products as plastics, detergents, per-

fumes and paints.
"I think it's a minor thing," said acting FDA Commissioner James Benson. "The EPA standard for Benzene is five parts per billion. This is two to three times that level. That's still a very tiny

amount.' "It's a drop in a very large defence minister who di Adedeji.

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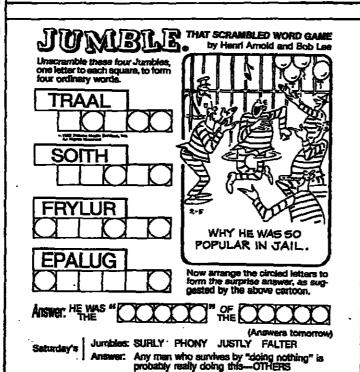
bottles of Perrier back to the store where purchased for a refund, Davis said. The FDA's Benson praised

Perrier's decision to recall the water even though the health risk was small.

"I truly appland the company," he told Reuters. "It's an extreme-ly responsible action on Pernier's part."



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# Traders say oil prices head for a fall

LONDON (R) — World petroleum prices are poised to fall because of prospects of excess Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) crude oil supply, traders say.

They do not expect a fullscale rout like the drop to \$10 per barrel in the glut of 1986 and add that a rebound later in the year is likely.

"We have been on the brink for some time. We may drop by a few dollars but then the buyers are likely to come back said an official at one major Western oil company.

North Sea brent blend crude oil, a world benchmark, was around \$19.75 per barrel for prompt delivery at the end of trading last week.

West Texas Intermediate

(WII), the U.S. marker, was up close to \$22, reflecting its high yield in gasoline and its favoured status among U.S. refiners. European traders say WII is often an unreliable beliweather or world trends.

Arctic cold in the United States late December and early in January, however, caused a jump in petroleum prices everywhere as the nation which burns a quarter of all world oil found itself short of ready supplies of heating fuel.

Traders and analysts now assume the worst of the winter to be over and are looking at oil supply ahead of the April-June quarter of the year, the period of seasonal weak demand between winter and the

peak summer holiday motoring

According to the Interna-tional Energy Agency (IEA), crude output by OPEC ran at 23.3 million barrels per day

(bpd) in January. Even at an official OPEC target of 22 million during the April-June period, says London-based Nomura Research Institute, there would still be a substantial flow into stocks "which could take prices towards the mid-teens levels for

Industry executives think that Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which the IEA reckons exceeded OPEC-assigned output quotas in January, will allow their output to fall rather than cut prices aggressively to maintain excess volumes as they did

in 1986. Output cuts by the two big Gulf producers would be likely to have a psychological impact on the market and help put a

floor under prices. So might concern over declining exports from the Soviet Union which Western industry sources say may put 400,000 to 500,000 barrels daily of unfore-

seen sales in OPEC's way. Meanwhile the 13 OPEC oil ministers plan talks in Vienna on March 15 to review the

Nomura still sees brent crude oil averaging \$18.5 per barrel for the whole of 1990, a shade up from 18.2 for 1989.

# the Arab leaders play their cards and how serious they are Africa ponders development Iran, transforming those summits as venues for effective treatment. Arab hardships and difficulties. Still the record of Arab sur so far suggests that the Arab leaders have a long way to convin with a new democratic face Arab peoples that summits constitute the ultimate weapon at kind of fora for meaningful dialogue and lasting commitmer ARUSHA, Tanzania (R)—Afrivation for the Arab Nation can rely for all times. It has not escan and foreign experts meet the attention and concern of Arabs everywhere that many can and foreign experts meet.

swept Eastern Europe, they are being nudged to give their 600 nillion people more say in shap-

The democratisation of the levelopment process --- by which re mean the empowerment of he people, their involvement in lecision-making, in implementation and monitoring processes— is a condition sine qua non for 'socio-economic recovery and transformation." says Africa's top economist, Adebayo

Israel's 1982 invasion of 1 The Nigerian heads the U.N. non, seized on the attack i Economic Commission for Africa tify his opposition to the under whose anspices the fiveosed U.S. and Egyptian day conference in this northern sored Israeli-Palestinian to Tanzanian town is being held. Convened under the slogan

In the days leading up "putting the people first," with meeting, animosity amor popular participation in develop-Likud rivals has degenerate ment its theme, the conference is expected to attract up to 300 Modai referred to the d delegates, ranging from African tive Shamir as "a shorty who officials and foreign donors to onto a basketball court...an trade unions and representatives to interfere with giant pla of grassroots, women's and

brokers and analysts say.

black Monday."

coalition partners.

By Rich Miller

TOKYO — Japan's financial markets would be shaken and its economic and foreign policy upset

if the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lost its

34-year hold on power in next week's election,

"If the opposition parties won a majority, it would be a big shock," said one stock market

analyst. "There would be possibility of another

see a repeat of the stock market's 15 per cent

plunge in October 1987, they agree that financial

takes power, a former Foreign Ministry official

clearly where it stands on many issues, much less worked out an agreement with potential

markets would be battered by an LDP loss.

While other analysts are not so gloomy as to

"It will be chaos" if a Socialist-centred coalition

The Japan Socialist Party has not spelled out

The pro-business LDP, buffeted by scandals

decade" in the 1990s.

Stressing a theme pursued repeatedly in recent years, Adedeji maintains that while education, skills, technology, health and the people's general well-being are important, they are not enough to achieve self-sustaining develop-

For people to achieve full productive potential, he said in an address prepared for delivery Tuesday, governments must create an enabling environment characterised by political free-dom and human rights — "freedom of speech, thought and association, and freedom from arbitrary arrest."

His address, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, declared: "self-reliant development requires that power must be redistributed in favour of the society as a whole, not concentrated in the hands of a few, and that this must be accompanied by adequate and effective political accountability.

Calls to promote "popular participation" in development have grown steadily in recent years, both within Africa and from

The World Bank, in a report released last November which proposed a major rescue effort for sub-Saharan Africa's battered

better balance between govern-

ments and the governed.

It proposed a strategy empowering ordinary people, especially women, to take more responsibility for their lives measures that foster grassroots organisation, that murture rather than obstruct informal sector enterprises, and that promote nongovernmental and intermediary agencies.

"The growing conviction is that development must be more bottom-up, less top-down," it said, adding that the top-down approach demotivated those whose energies were most needed for development.

A root cause of Africa's weak economic performance was the failure of public institutions, the report said.

It cited a need for honest, efficient public administration to complement policies that promote market mechanisms and entrepreneurship.

Overstaffed and poorly managed public bureaucracies are deadweights on the productive sectors," it said.

"Many governments are wracked by corruption and are increasingly unable to command the confidence of the population at large. In many places political instability, coup d'etats and ethnic strife are enacting a terrible toll on helpless people," it

and the unpopularity of a recently introduced sales tax, faces the toughest test since it took

power in next Sunday's election for parliament's

Opinion polls suggest it is likely to squeak by.

though they also show that nearly 30 per cent of

the electorate is undecided with just a week to go

The bottom line for the LDP is about 247 seats.

If it wins that many, it should be able to pick up

enough support from conservative independents

to retain a majority in the 512-member lower

Benson International, said that as long as the LDP hung onto 247 seats, and joined conserva-

tive independents to form a majority, there

would not be a serious reaction in the markets.

have things all its own way in parliament. Unless

it wins 270 seats it will not have control of all the

committees in the lower house and may not even

have a majority on the key budget committee.

But that scenario would not allow the LDP to

Peter Tasker, analyst with broker Kleinwort

house. The LDP currently has 295 seats.

powerful lower house.

until the election.

### Gulf firm to build aluminium plant

DUBAI (R) - Iran and Gulf company have agreed to build a \$1.35 billion aluminium plant; the biggest foreign joint project under Iran's new commitment to industrial reconstruction and de-

The Dubai-based International Development Corporation (IDC) said in a statement the 220,000tonne per year plant would be built at Bandar Abbas, just across the Gulf from Dubai on the Iranian coast.

The Iranian partner is the Ministry of Mines and Metals and the project will be completed in three years.

Details on financing and ownership were not available.

The IDC said the plant would export at least half its output when completed, which alumimum industry sources said would be a major boost to a growing Gulf aluminium export capacity.

Bahrain and Dubai already have large aluminium plants and Oatar and Saudi Arabia have plans to build factories. The deal follows important

changes in Iran's rules on foreign investment to attract more capital. into the country, which lacksenough foreign exchange reserves or foreign currency earning power to fund its own reconstruction. Iran's new five-year develop-

ment plan allows for \$27.6 billion in foreign finance and investment and President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has been trying to create a better climate for foreign Deputy Economy and Finance

Minister Mehdi Navvab said last mouth the Central Bank would guarantee repayment of some foreign loans, and joint ventures with foreign firms would allow up

to 49 per cent foreign equity.

The Bandar Abbas plant will also include a power station and a desalination plant.

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# South Korea plans to spring a surprise

SEOUL (R) — South Kores, the first Asian nation to quality for two successive World Cap finals, hope to spring a major surprise in Italy by sourceing into the second round at the expense of one of the traditional powers of international soccer.

The South Koreans may not be able to match their Group E rivals Belgium, Spain and Urugusy for strength, but hope to with skill and steamh, and in hard working striker Kim Ju-Sung they have a player with the ability to inspire them to unexpected suc-

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Dubbed the "little Sansom" because of his thick shoulderlength hair, Kim was named Asia's most valuable player for 1989 by the international federation of football history and statisKim Jung Nam said: "His ability to break through a defence is" surprising. I think he is a strong candidate to be one of the new world stars to emerge from the World Cop."

Despite the optimism sur-rounding his squad, team mana-ger Lee Hoe-Taik, who took over in December 1988, remains realistic in his appraisal of South Korea's chances in Italy.

"Our sound has a long way to go before it meets the standards of our three opponents in Group E," he said. "But I believe that any team in the world will find it difficult to bear us easily. Our main target is to get past the first round in Italy by scoring at least a win or two draws."

Lee said his squad would focus on beating Urnguay who he felt

had a weaker team than Belgium or Spain.

Lee led the team to six successive wins against Malaysia, Singapore and Nepal on the way to their triumph in the Asian final qualifying tournament in Singapore last October,

There, South Korea showed more coordination and flair than any of their rivals as they finished top of the six-team tournament with three wins and two draws. The United Arab Emirates

qualified behind them as runners-

"Our team scored 30 goals and conceded only one during a total of 11 qualifying round matches last year. This proves that we are

undeniably Asia's top soccer power," said an official of the Korea Football Association (KFA).

The South Korean squad is a mixture of seasoned profession-als, including striker Choi Soon-Ho and veteran captain Chung Yong Han who led the side during the 1986 finals in Mexico, and a number of promising youngs-

Hwang Son-Hong, at 21 the youngest player in the squad, has made a name for himself with his turn of speed and sharpness around the penalty area. He scored seven goals in the Asian qualifying matches.

### Lendl reaches Milan final

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendi Saturday fought back from a first-set deficit to defeat young American Pete Sampras 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 in a semifinal match of the Milan indoor

tennis tournament The 29-year-old Czechoslovak, the number one player in the world, qualified for his third final in the Milan competition, a stage of the ATP tour.

He takes on the winner of a later all-American semifinal between second-seeded John McEnroe and fifth-seeded Tim Mayotte.

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Sagr Al Urdun crew, which

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kawi.

ing the first set, protested the crowd behaviour and at one moment stopped play for about four minutes, asking organisers to identify and silence a lone pro-"Of course it was not like in

Rome when hundreds, not to say thousands of people yell all together. But that guy yelled any time I tossed my first serve. He thought that the soccer match was today, not tomorrow," Leadl explained after downing Sampras in their first head-to-head match.

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# Douglas knocks Tyson out; WBA, WBC do not recognise win

TOKYO (R) — James "Buster" Douglas is seeking a "people's championship" fight with leading heavyweight contender Evander Holyfield, Douglas's manager John Johnson said Sunday.

Douglas was declared the heavyweight champion of the world earlier when he knocked out Mike Tyson in the 10th round before a Tokyo Dome crowd

officially estimated at 51,600.

But the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council said later they were withdrawing recognition of Douglas's win and would view the title as vacant uptil their governing committees could discuss a controversy over the count in the eighth round, when Tyson knocked Douglas

"The WBA and WBC and (Tyson promoter) Don King can all go to hell as far as I'm con-cerned," Johonson told Reuters.

He said he would add the International Boxing Federation (IBF) to that list if they joined in the WBA and WBC stance. The IBF was not represented at the news conference where the WBA and WBC announced their posi-

Johnson denied any intention

work with King to arrange a million dollars rematch after a bout with Holy- A Douglas

of having a rematch with Tyson before fighting Holyfield. WBC President Jose Sulaiman said at the news conference he thought a rematch "was absolutely mandatory."

"I'm almost sure that both Douglas and Tyson want to dais at the news conference,

meet," he said. But Johnson said that while the Douglas camp had expected to

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field, plans for that were off in light of the WBA and WBC King and Tyson were on the

> while Douglas and Johnson were Had Tyson won, he would have faced Holyfield on June 18 in Atlantic City in a deal expected

to gross as much as 75 to 80

A Douglas-Holyfield fight would probably bring far less with no cut for King.

In January, King said it would be a great tragedy if Tyson lost of Douglas, referring to the effect on the fight with Holyfield.

"It would be a great tragedy. If he loses, there is no match between Tyson and Holyfield... The contract becomes invalid."

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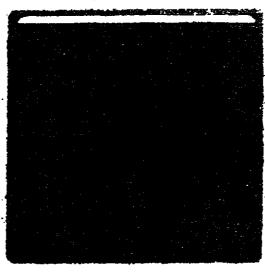
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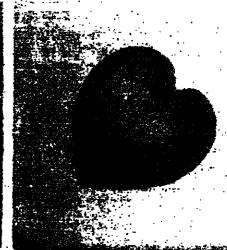
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that, as the cards lie, declarer will have to lose three heart tricks and a frump. At the table, however, West made the normal lead of the queen of clubs. Even so, is still seemed that declarer would have to surrender four tricks. But then declarer began to work his wonders.

South won the ace of clubs and immediately rulled a club. Next, the ace and king of trumps were cashed to reveal a trump loser but, since it was West who held the winning trump, declarer was in control. After eashing the ace and king of diamonds, he continued with a low diamond. If West ruffed with the master trump, one of dummy's beart losers would go and a beart would eventually be ruffed on the board, so West discarded a club and the table ruffed,

Declarer returned to hand with a club ruff and led his remaining dismond, and West was fixed, If that defender parted with his last club. he would set up a club in dummy, and ruffing would still allow one of the board's hearts to be discarded. West was forced to pitch a heart, and declarer was able to take two more tricks by ruffing the diamond in dummy and the club in hand for a total of ten tricks.

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### Troops patrol towns on separatists' anniversary

# India clamps curfew on Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Troops patrolled the curfew-bound city of Srinagar and major Kashmir towns Sanday to prevent demonstrations commermorating the sixth anniversary of the execution of a Muslim separatist leader.

The streets of Stinagar were deserted after the government announced a round-the-clock curfew would be enforced Sunday.

Witnesses who spoke on condition of anonymity said dozens of army trucks carrying soldiers rolled into Srinagar late Friday. Troops took up positions on Srinagar's outskirts and all vehicles entering the city were stopped and searched.

Wall posters appeared in several parts of Srinagar overnight. calling for demonstrations to commemorate the execution of militant leader Mohammad Maobool Butt.

Butt was hanged in New Delhi on Feb. 11, 1984, for the 1965

NATO and Warsaw Pact nego-

tiators begin talks Monday on opening their skies to surveillance

overflights under radically diffe-

rent conditions than the idea was

proposed a year ago, experts say.

Negotiators at the three-week

"open skies" conference will be-

gin work on a plan under which all 16 members of the North

Atlantic Treaty Organisation

TIMISOARA, Romania (AP) —

Thousands of members of Roma-

nia's hated Securitate secret

police have eluded authorities

and may be plotting a "counterre-

volution" to seize control. Timi-

Alemorean Pompiliu, in an in-

terview with the Associated Press

Friday, also said the official death

toll of 100 that officials reported

for Timisoara in the December

revolution was far too low. He

said doctors were intimidated

into underreporting the number

Timisoara, the cradle of the

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Ceausescu on Dec. 22, officially

tyr city" for its heavy toll of

with shortages of basic foods,

especially eggs and milk. Long

lines of shoppers, loudly com-

plaining of the shortages, wait outside stores selling chicken im-

The ousted Communist system

also left behind "a series of social

problems such as bad working

habits and massive alcoholism,

Pompiliu said. "We have accom-

plished only 20 per cent of the

revolution by changing the old

system. Now, the new system has

ported from Czechoslovakia.

The city continues to suffer,

is described as Romania's "mar-

soara's mayor warned.

murder of an intelligence agent in Kashmir

Butt founded the Jammu-Kashmir Liberation Front, which s spearheading a violent campaign for secession from pre-dominantly Hindu India of the Himalayan state of Jammu-Kashmir, the country's only Muslim majority state.

The 4-decade-old movement is based in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state and its largest city. Jammu region, south of Kashmir, is Hindu

At least 82 people have died in the latest round of secessionist violence in Kashmir, which flared on Jan. 20 when Muslim mobs took to the streets and clashed

NATO, Warsaw Pact to begin

with arms agreements.

forth in the 1950s.

OTTAWA, Canada (AP) - Pact countries would allow un-

(NATO) and the seven Warsaw to build goodwill and trust, gov-

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armed aircraft fo fly over each

other's territory to monitor milit-

ary installations and compliance

Alliance leaders already have

agreed in principle to implement

the idea. resurrected in the spring

of 1989 by U.S. President George

Bush from a proposal first put

Romanian mayor warns of possible

The situation in Timisoara is

said Pompiliu, an

of the revolution, Romanian and the Securitate.'

mating that about 15,000 secret in the December fighting.

police members remain at large in He added that Dr. Leonard

still chaotic and fluid, and we

know that the Securitate is active.

possibly planning a counterre-volution," said Pompiliu, an

architect who assumed the

tate were arrested, he said, esti-

his city of 350,000. Timisoara is

about 500 kilometres west of

Immediately after the victory

many as 4,000 people had died in Timisoara, in clashes with the

Securitate troops, who were

fiercely loyal to Ceausescu and

battled the army when it joined

the popular revolt against the

according to reliable information,

only some 100 were killed and

about 40 were reported missing.

They said, however, that the fi-

ginal figures are far from being

correct. The true death toll is

somewhere in between," Pompi-

"Both the official and the ori-

"It is a well known fact" that

gure was not final.

But officials recently said that

dictator.

"Only the heads" of the Securi-

mayor's post after the revolution.

counterrevolution in 'martyr city'

to change the people."

Since Bush made the proposal

with security forces. Most victims were protesters defying curfew, who were shot by police or

Curfew has been restricted to night hours since Jan. 26 because authorities said the situation has stabilised. But a curfew, scheduled to be reimposed at 6 p.m. local time (1230 GMT) Saturday, was immposed at 11 a.m. Saturday after the bombs went off.

Police officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the blasts occurred outside two banks, a post office and other shops and businesses without cansing any known casualties. No one claimed responsibility, but authorities blamed the separat-

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the Kashmiri militants. Pakistan denies the charge and says the Kashmiris have the right to self-determina-

tion.
"We want a peaceful solution

ernments in nearly every Soviet

Bloc country in Eastern Europe

Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland already have begun to

scale back their armies and de-

mand Moscow withdraw tens of

thousands of Red Army troops

East Germany, Bulgaria and

Romania are likely to follow suit

after ejecting hard-line Commun-

official death toll and family

members of the dead have re-

ceived telephone threats

apparently from still-active

Securitate members "in order to list the victims as if they had died

Dusan Nicolicin, the secretary

of the Timisoara City Council

estimated that 1,000 people died

Drexler, the chief medical expert

whose team released the official

death toll figure in Timisoara,

"was under strong pressure from

ed up by Romania Libera and

other newspapers, which claimed

that the director of the municipal

hospital was a close relative of

Timisoara's former secret police

chief. Drexler was not available

Meanwhile, hundreds of

wreaths and lit candles cover the

steps and plaza facing the Ortho-

dox cathdral where numerous

people were gunned down during

the uprising.
"Now they tell us only about

100 people died. That's impossi-

ble, since ... during just one day

(of violence) I saw with my own

eves more than 40 dead lying in

front of this church," said Liana

for comment.

of natural causes," he said.

have changed hands.

from their soil.

but at the same time Pakistan cannot be intimidated," Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto warned India during a 30-minute speech to more than 200 Pakistanì lawmakers Saturday.

Ms. Bhutto rejected India's accusatisons that Pakistan has fornented the 2-month-old rebellion in its troubled northwestern

"This revolution has not come from outside, it has come from the heart of the people," she said. "It is a war of freedom."

Kashmir was divided between India and Pakistan after the two countries were partitioned fol-lowing the end of British colonial rule in 1947. Srinagar and the surrounding areas of the valley became part of Jammu-Kashmir.

Sixty-four per cent of the state's 5 million people are Muslims, but nationwide, Muslims make up 12 per cent of the 880 million population.

### Romania gripped by protests

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) - Drivers demanding better working conditions surrounded government headquarters with hundreds of trucks and buses during a protest over policies inherited from pre-revolutionary

The drivers' demonstration Saturday coincided with a march by 100 army soldiers who want better pay and rallies by tens of thousands of ethnic Hungarians to demand equal rights.

All the protests represent challenges to a struggling revolution-ary government, which has been battered by critics who say it is perpetuating both the policies and the personnel of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu He was toppled in December in a popular uprising combined with an army rebellion.

The drivers, who huddled with entire families in trucks at Victory Square, said their basic equipment and supplies — such as tires, engine oil and batteries
— were still being rationed very severely. They also demanded better inter-city highways before they eventually left.

Their union, the 100,000-member Romanian Drivers' Syndicate, also claimed that police them, automatically suspending and sometimes revoking drivers' licenses for even minor offenses.

Some of the bus drivers, whose buses and equipment belong to the Ministry of Tourism, also called for reinstating Tourism Minister Mihai Lupoi, who last month pleaded their case before the government.

On Friday, Lupoi as involved in a traffic accident that the drivers believe was "purposely arranged by the (National Salvation) Front," bus driver Ion Stefancia said.

Lupoi told the Associated Press that he was not sure why the truck had swerved into his Cat.

# to snub Cheney

Aquino

MANILA (AP) — President Corazon Aquino said Sunday she will refuse to meet Defence Secretary Dick Cheney during his visit to the Philippines next week following criticism of her administration by U.S. officials and

Cheney, who left Washington for Hawaii last Saturday, is ex-pected to arrive here on Feb. 18 s part of a tour of the Far East. In her weekly national radio address, Mrs. Aquino cited un-favourable reports in U.S. newspapers following recent visits by Robert Gates, President George Bush's deputy national security adviser, and U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe

"I've been thinking that (during such meetings) we talk of one thing and afterward something else is published in American newspapers," Mrs. Aquino said. Mrs. Aquino said that because

of Arizona.

of "our sad experience of the last two visits," only Secretary of Defence Fidel Ramos would meet Cheney during his visit.

In Honolulu, Defence Department ment spokesman Pete Williams said Cheney's schedule had not been "nailed down" and "it's unsure whether we'll see Mrs.

Aquino or not.' Mrs. Aquino routinely meets with scores of foreign officials legislators, educators and businessmen. Her refusal to meet with a U.S. official of Chency's rank would be highly unusual, considering Bush's support for her administration.

On Dec. 1, U.S. Air Force jets flew air cover in support of pro-government forces battling military mutineers trying to oust Mrs.

The two governments are expected to begin talks next month on extending the lease on the six U.S. military bases, which expires next year.

Following Gates' visit here last month, U.S. officials delivered rare public criticism of the Aquino administration. During testimony last month before the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence Carl Ford warned that the political situation here remains "unsettled."

During the same hearing, De puty Assistant Secretary of State David Lambertson warned of the danger of a new coup attempt and ing government operations.

Following a visit bere last January, Kolbe said Mrs. Aquino favours retaining U.S. bases but is in a "very awkward position" politically because of others' opposition to them.

### **Yeltsin: Soviets could** face bloody revolution

LONDON (R) — Maverick Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin has said the Soviet Union could face a Romanian-style revolution if the Communist Party does not re-

form itself more quickly. Yeltsin, Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorhachev's fiercest critic, said in an interview in Britain's Sunday Times that if the slow pace of reform continued people would take to the streets and a bloody revolution would follow, with the KGB secret police fighting to maintain the old order.

He also said he was prepared to set up his own political party if hardliners were not removed from the Communist Party leadership at a congress expected in

"The Communist Party is five years behind. We should have started perestroika reforms within the party, but nothing has been done to democratise the party,

As a result the Soviet Union was about to enter a critical phase with nobody in control, said Yeltsin, the only member of the party's Central Committee to vote against Gorbachev's reform plans announced this week.

"It is going to follow the same pattern as the Eastern European countries. The most important thing is whether we will be able to control it within some civilised limits as in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria or East Germany, or, since we have such a monster as the KGB, whether we will follow the Romanian pattern and have civil



Boris Yeltsin

Asked whether the KGB would fight to preserve the old order, Yeltsin said: "un-

doubtedly."

He said the congress in the summer was the last chance to avoid disaster and if the party did not reform itself from within he would consider setting up his own breakaway party.

"I don't like to say my party. I'm against personalisation...but some new party."

"We would depart from dogma, including Marxism and Leninism. We might take something useful from this ideology, but we should reject all dogma, Yeltsin said.

Yeltsin was sacked as Moscow Communist Party chief in October 1987 but was elected a Moscow deputy to the new-style Soviet parliament in March 1989 with a massive majority.

### Chinese students dismayed by new travel restrictions

PEKING (R) — Chinese students, under ever tighter state control since leading last year's democracy movement, have expressed dismay and anger at new regulations preventing them from studying abroad.

According to an official document circulating among institutes and government offices, Chinese must work for five years before they can leave the country to

The new rules have not been announced publicly, but on Saturday an official in the State Education Commission confirmed their existence. He declined to give details.

Diplomats in Peking said the restrictions were aimed at stemming a haemorrhage of talent, and as a reply to the United tries that had extended the visas of students fearing persecution on

returning to China. "Soon North Korea and Vietnam will be the only countries we sweatshops in Japan. Long Visa will be able to visit," joked a queues outside foreign embassies

he already possesses to be revoked under the new regulations. "The Communist Party has nothing new to offer," he added.

Another student said scornfully, "I'm sure the sons and daughters of the top cadres will find a way to study abroad." Reaction has been muted on

Peking campuses, hotbeds of dissent last year before the bloody military crackdown in June, as many students are on winter

Only a month ago, Education Minister Li Tieying said China would not abandon the principle of sending students abroad. More than 80,000 have gone

overseas on state sponsorship since China launched economic reforms in 1978, and 30,000 have

Thousands of Chinese have | Hais paintings also paid for themselves to go abroad, many of them finding work on building sites and in student who expects the passport are an everyday sight in Peking.

### Czech town to name square after Freud

PRIBOR, Czechoslovakia — A square in Pribor which honoured Soviet dictator Josef Stalin is to be renamed after the Czechoslovak town's most famous son, Sigmund Freud. The Czechoslovak news agency (CIK) said an opin-ion poll in the north Moravian town showed most of its inhabitants wanted Stalin Square to be named after the founder of psychoanalysis. A champion of the power of individual thought, Freud was officially reviled under Communist rule which crumbled in Czechoslovakia late last year. Freud, born into a Jewish family in Pribor in 1856, moved to Vienna where he pioneered analysis of the subconcious mind. He died in London in 1939.

### Valentine's day gifts for pets

TOKYO (R) — Roses are red, violets are blue, Rover my pet, this Valentine's for you. Unlikely but true. Japan's ever-resourceful department stores have found a new way of squeezing profits from Valentine's Day — love tokens for your favourite poodle or Persian cat. The Tokyu store in Nihonbashi, central Tokyo, is selling beribboned giftspacks of chocolates, biscuits, dried fish or beef for a mere 500 yen (\$3.50). We used to seil such things at Christmas and last year we got requests for Valentine gifts too," said a store official. "Sales are

### 1,000 students plan record hug:

TORONTO (R) - Students in Toronto plan to pile 1,000 bodies into a monster hug to claim a new world record. Keith Crawford. student council member at the city's George Brown College has said students wanted to double the existing record halfway through a college dance. He langhed off doubts about risks to personal hygiene when 1,000 warm and clammy bodies cling together after some enthusiastic dancing. "It's only for two minutes," he said.

### **Dutch experts** to authenticate

AMSTERDAM (R) — A panel of art historians will be set up to

authenticate works attributed tothe 17th century Dutch master Frans Hals. The experts will examine approximately 80 paintings during a major exhibition of Hals' work in May at the Frans Hals Museum in Haarlem, Museum Director Derk Snoep has said. American art historian Seymour Slive believes there are 222 Hals paintings in existence but West German Clans Grimm puts the number as low as 145, "We'll have a panel of six or seven. We might ask Grimm or Slive for advice, but they won't be joining us as it's better to work with people who have no preconceived ideas," Snoep added. Most of the pictures to be displayed in Haarlem are currently exhibited at London's Royal Academy. Grimm says over a third of these were painted by contemporaries of Hals. A similar debate has been raging in the art world over works credited to the 17th century Dutch painter Rembrandt Van Rijn. In December, the Amsterdam-based Rembrandt reserch project sent shock waves through the art world when it said 39 works attributed to Rembrandt were not genuine. Ironically it said some of those paintings were more likely the work of Hals, who was one of Rembrandt's students.

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the experts who estimated the Serbac, a relative of one victim.

### Soviet spaceship heads for Mir

MOSCOW (R) - A Soviet spaceship has been launched with two cosmonants on board and headed for the space station Mir, TASS news agency reported. The Soyuz TM-9 blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome at 9:16 Moscow time (0616 GMT) Sunday with mission Commander Anatoly Solovyov and flight engineer Alexander Balandin on board, the official Soviet News Agency reported. The crew were to dock the spaceship with the Soviet orbital space station Mir, and replace cosmonauts Alexander Viktorenko and Alexander Serebrov, who have been in orbit for five months. The new cosmonauts will be the sixth team to occupy Mir since its launch in February 1986 to replace the Salyut-7 space station, which was stripped of its equipment and abandoned.

### 15 die after Indonesian volcano erupts

JAKARTA (R) - At least 15 people were killed after a voicano in East java erupted Saturday showering rocks and ash onto villages below, a local army official said Sunday. He said flames and billowing smoke after Mount Kelud erupted at midday Saturday could be seen 90 kilometres away. At least 50 others were injured and thousands evacuated from nearby towns and villages. Most of the destruction came from landslides triggered as the explosion shook loose rock down the mountain side. In the 1,731-metre volcano's last major eruption in 1966 more than 200

### Shots fired at Nakasone's office

TOKYO (AP) - A man walked into former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's campaign office and fired several shots, but there were no reports of injuries, police and a campaign official said. The suspect was captured at the scene in Takasaki, 100 kilometres northwest of Tokyo, according to a police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official declined to give out further details. An official in Nakasone's office said the former prime minister was out of campaigning at the time of the shooting. He said a man entered one of four rooms in the office and fired several shots. The official declined to say how many people were in the office at the time of shooting. It was the second shooting involving a Japanese politician in the past month.

### Taiwan party nominates president

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The governing party has unanimously. nominated President Lee Teng-Hui as its candidate for president,

virtually assuring that he will gain a six-year term. All 180 members of the Nationalist Party's Central Committee stood up to approve the nomination of Lee, the former vice president who succeeded President Chiang Ching-Kuo when he died in office in January 1988. Lee, the first native Taiwanese to head the party and government, is expected to be approved by the National Assembly, or Electoral College, when it meets on March 20 to pick the president. The party convention, held in suburban Yangmingshan, was to vote later on a running mate for Lee. That position has been the focus of a ferocious political battle pitting ageing conservatives against reformers. The outcome could affect the pace of political reform in Taiwan, which had its first multi-party election in December.

### Atlantis to fly on Feb. 22

CAPE CANAVERAL (R) - The space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to begin a classified mission for the Defence Department on Feb. 22, U.S. space agency officials have said. Atlantis will lift off between 12 and 4 a.m. EST (0400 and 0800 GMT), the officials said, carrying what experts believe is a satellite that will spy on the extreme northern regions of the Soviet Union. "At the present time there are no significant problems standing in the way of a launch on Feb. 22," the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said in a statement. This will be the second of nine scheduled space shuttle flights this year. The last mission ended on Jan. 20, when a shuttle returned a long-orbitting science satellite to Earth. NASA, obeying Defence Department orders, did not reveal an exact time for the launch because the identity of Atlantis' payload is a military secret.

### 4 die in New Mexico shooting spree

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico (AP) - An apparent armed robbery at a bowling alley has turned into a shooting spree that left four people dead and three others wounded, police reported. The names of the victims had not been released pending notification of relatives. Police threw up roadblocks in an attempt to catch the robbers. A statement issued by the Las Cruces Police Department Saturday said the seven were shot during the robbery. "At approximately 8 a.m., apparently an armed robbery occurred at the Las Cruces Bowl. During the commission of the robbery, at least seven individuals were shot, four of whom said the police statement. Police reportedly were searching for two men in an older model, green van or utility vehicle. A police dispatcher who declined to be identified said roadblocks had been set up within and outside the city, located 70 kilometres north of the border with Mexico.

### Opposition shows signs of strength despite all-out Sandinista campaign MANAGUA (AP) — The main long snout, is pictured on wall

opposition coalition in the Feb. 25 election has been hampered by fear, low funding, personal rivalry, ideological divisions and a presidential candidate with a fractured knee.

But it is drawing ever increasing crowds to its rallies, and its true strength may be even larger

on election day.

The ruling Sandinista National
Liberation Front's rallies are larger and better organised than those of the United National Opposition, but they are also salted with government employees who fear they would risk their jobs if they don't attend.

"You'll never see me at an UNO rally," said a 37-year-old Managua professional who spoke on condition of anonymity. "There's still a chance of violence, and who wants to get beaten up? But I'm voting for UNO. That's for sure."

The UNO candidate, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro, publisher of the opposition newspaper La Prensa, suffered a fractured knee on New Year's Eve and has been campaigning from a wheelchair in the back of a pickup truck under a sun tent, looking like "a saint at a procession," as one of her aides

Attendance at UNO railies has shot from several hundred into the thousands in the last three weeks - an estimated 7,000 in the town of Jinotepe; 6,000 in Granada; 10,000 in Esteli; 7,000 in Rivas.

"I know some people will come by tomorrow to nag you about having come," said Mrs. Cha-morro in Esteli, referring to the Sandinistas. "But just remember your vote is secret." President Daniel Ortega, seek-

ing another six-year term, has shed his sober image and campaigned vigorously in T-shirts and bomber jackets. The Sandinistas have also enlisted Alf, the U.S. TV comedy character who is a favourite of Nicaraguan children. Alf, a fuzzy space alien with a murals as telling his planet Earth host Willy that he will vote Sandi-An inveterate cat-hater, Alf

also is pictured squeezing the neck of a feline representing UNO. Sandinista spokesmen said they did not know if Alf's creators had given their permission for the alien endorsement. In any case, the Sandinistas seem to be nervous. "And when you return to your

neighbourhoods, to your villages, talk to your neighbour, to your friend, to your relative, to anyone who still might be confused," urged Ortega at a rally in Violence subsided after an

UNO rally in Masatepe last De-cember turned into a bloody riot that left one dead and about 20 injured. Police now patrol every rally, and international election observers have praised the job they're doing to keep order. Confusion is what seemed to reign at an UNO rally on Feb. 4

in the small town of Posoltega.

A brief fistfight erupted be-

tween Antonio Lacayo, campaign manager and Mrs. Chamorro's son-iu-law, and Jaime Bonilla of the independent Liberal Party, which provided Mrs. Chamorro's running mate, Virgilio Godoy. Nobody at UNO wanted to discuss the fight, in which Lacayo and Bonilia exchanged punches

on stage before an amused

crowd.

The brawl pointed to deep divi-sions within UNO, a coalition of 14 parties with a broad range of ideologies from Communist to conservative whose only common denominator is their opposition to the Sandinistas.

Personal and ideological rifts have been reported pitting Godoy against Lacayo; Mrs. Chamorro's son, Pedro Joaquin, against Mrs. Chamorro's close adviser, former contra directorate member Alfredo Cesar, and a host of other minor rivalries.

Mrs. Chamorro's choice of campaign manager has been called an example of nepotism. Lacayo, a businessman, has no previous political experience.

The opposition also complains of lack of money, and the U.N. observer mission has noted the Sandinistas' continued use of government property. Use of public property is allowed, but a party has to pay for it.

Last week Soviet-made milit-

ary helicopters flew over the town of Juigalpa, showering Sandinista flyers and touting an Ortega rally. The Sandinistas regularly try to cut attendance at UNO rallies by scheduling baseball games or free parties at the same time. Pressure tactics apparently

have not muzzled some. As people were boarding about 100 trucks and buses to return to their towns and villages following a Sandinista rally in Jinotepe, one man climbing into a large truck yelled a loud and defiant, "viva la ÚNO." There are no reliable polls to

help observers call the race, and crowd-counting sometimes is the only game in town. UNO and Sandinista crowds

were about equal at rallies in Granada, Nicaragua's secondlargest city, but there was considerably more visible enthusiasm at the UNO rally. However, in Jinotepe the UNO rally was only half the size of the Sandinista Mrs. Chamorro scored a point

with an endorsement Thursday from Yatama, a coalition of Atlantic coast Indians. The Indians may represent as many as 80,000 votes in the 1.7 millionstrong electorate.

Meanwhile, the Sandinistas are wooing as many groups as possible and trying to take the wind out of Mrs. Chamorro's sails. On Priday, the government released 39 former members of dictator Anastasio Somoza's National Guard and almost 1,000 captured contra guerrillas.

### Global weather (major world cities): T T T AMSTERDAM ... X X X X X X 06 43 09 48 Cloudy 15 89 20 68 Cloudy